WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Jo Morin
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	13 November 2023
LOCATION:	9 Allendale Avenue, Worthing, BN14 0AH
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1241/23 Permanent retention of boarding cattery use with 10 individual pens (20 cats in total).
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	N/A

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

This application seeks the permanent retention of boarding cattery use for 20 cats in total. The site is located on Allendale Avenue, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) provided consultation advice for the preceding application at this site (AWDM/1373/21), of which more information was requested but no objections were raised in principle. This application was permitted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

The existing cattery was permitted under AWDM/1373/21, and the Application Form states that the works were completed on 01/10/2022. The current application seeks the permanent retention of this cattery.

From inspection of the submitted plans, there appears to be suitable space within the site to accommodate an appropriate amount of vehicular parking. Given the nature of the use as a cattery, the majority of trips associated with the site will mainly be for customers dropping off and picking up of their cats, and such movements are anticipated to be outside of network peak times. In addition, given the scale of the proposed cattery, such a use is not anticipated to generate a significant number of movements.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing access point has been operating unsafely, or that the proposals would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

In summary, the LHA does not consider that this proposal would have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or result in 'severe' cumulative impacts on the operation of the highway network, therefore is not contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 111), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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