WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Finlay Gardner
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	12 September 2025
LOCATION:	27 Charmandean Road Worthing BN14 9LQ
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0955/25 Installation of a 1.8-metre high acoustic fence around the perimeter and entrance gate.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

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

This application is for the installation of 1.8m high acoustic fence to site perimeter, and entrance gates. The site is located on Charmandean Road and accessed via Forest Road, both un-classified roads, subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

The LHA would not raise any highway safety concerns to the proposed fence – as it will be sited within the existing site boundary and will not encroach upon the public highway. The proposed gates will be situated on the site boundary, at the back edge of the footway, approximately 2.7m from the back edge of the carriageway. The LHA would ordinarily request that gates be set back at a minimum of 5m from the back edge of the carriageway to allow a vehicle to wait clear of the highway whilst the gates are in operation. The applicant is encouraged to explore whether the gates could be set back further within the site to prevent any obstruction of the public highway. However, given the nature of the road, with permitted on-street parking, it is likely that a vehicle would park up on the edge of the carriageway whilst the gates are operated. The plans do not demonstrate the direction that gates will open – the applicant should be aware that gates are required to open inwards of the site so as not to obstruct the public highway (including footway) whilst in use.

Conclusion
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 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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