West Sussex County Council -
Planning Consultation Response

To: Adur & Worthing Councils
FAO: Peter Barnett
From: WSCC - Highways Authority

Date: 27 October 2026

LPA Reference: AWDM/1130/26

Location: Monks Recreation Ground
Crabtree Lane
Lancing
West Sussex
Proposal: Erection of three outdoor padel courts with enclosure, floodlights, shipping container for use as ancillary administrative building and associated works

Date of Site Visit: N/A
Recommendation: Advice

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

This application is for the installation of three padel courts on existing recreation land and associated works, including floodlighting and administrative shipping container building. The site is located on Crabtree Lane, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

No alterations are proposed to the existing access arrangements. Given the scale of the proposals and considering that the site is already in use as a recreation facility, the LHA does not anticipate that the proposed development would give rise to a significant material intensification of movements to or from the site. The planning statement has provided estimates of 27 vehicle movements throughout the day, as an assumption based upon other similar applications recently submitted, in the absence of specific TRICs data.

Vehicle movements would be controlled by the need to book and attend within an arranged time slot, which reduces the opportunity for multiple additional vehicles arriving in the area at once. Time slots are for 90minutes each.

Vehicle parking is not included within the design, therefore any trips by car will need to be accommodated within the existing on-street parking provisions or nearby car parking facilities. The nearest Public Car Park is located off North Farm Road, a short walk from the site. The planning statement does however mention the intention to provide cycle parking facilities for the padel courts, which the LHA would support. The LHA encourages the provision to be secured via planning condition alongside any permission of the proposal, with plans and details to be provided.

The LHA will only consider the impact of overspill parking from a safety perspective; matters of amenity would be a matter for the consideration of the Local Planning Authority. While it is likely that some overspill parking may occur, it is not considered that this would be detrimental to highway safety and key locations in the public highway are subject to enforceable parking restrictions.

Sustainable alternatives to the use of a car are available, such as walking, cycling and journeys via bus. These are considered viable options for future visitors of the site.

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 (in line with TR6 paragraph 4) and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

Cycle parking
No part of the development shall be first used until covered and secure cycle parking spaces have been provided in accordance with plans and details to be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.
Reason: To provide alternative travel options to the use of the car in accordance with current sustainable transport policies.

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