

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	West Sussex County Council FAO: Chris Bartlett
FROM:	WSSC - Highways Authority
DATE:	28 February 2024
LOCATION:	Buckingham Park Primary School, Buckingham Road, Shoreham-By-Sea BN45 5UD
SUBJECT:	WSSC/005/24 Erection of two temporary classroom blocks on existing playground with access from existing site compound.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a

West Sussex County Council (WSSC), in its capacity as Local Highway Authority (LHA), have been consulted on the above Regulation 3 application (WSSC/005/24), with regards to any highway safety or capacity concerns. The application is supported by way of a Planning Statement (PS).

The application site is Buckingham Park Primary School for children between the ages of 4 and 11, maintained by West Sussex County Council. A new building to the south of the main school building was approved by WSSC in 2016 (WSSC/015/16/SU) which has had trouble in terms of water ingress. Repeated attempts of remedial works have failed, and the building now requires extensive works to be fit for use by students again. In lieu of this building refurbishment the current application seeks planning consent for erection of two temporary classroom blocks on existing playground, with associated site compound and new temporary access from Buckingham Close.

The site compound required to support the erection of the temporary classrooms has already been approved as a part of the application for similar works to the nearby St Nicholas and St Mary's Primary School. The approved site compound was approved for a period of two years under planning application reference AWDM/0649/23 (Adur and Worthing District Council) to allow for the completion of works at St Nicholas and St Mary's school in the first year, with work then switching to Buckingham Park School in the second year. It is this second phase to which the current application relates.

The school building is accessed primarily from Buckingham Road, via Hamfield Avenue. The new temporary access taken from Buckingham Close to the west of the building to allow construction traffic and pedestrians will be closed off after the completion of proposed construction works. No changes are proposed to the existing accesses, car, or cycle parking provision. The proposed temporary classrooms and refurbishment works to the existing buildings will not result in or facilitate any alterations to the long-term management or capacity of the school. On completion of

the works, the school would provide for the same level of pupil access as at present, with no changes to building footprint.

The Local Highway Authority (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 (NPPF), paragraphs 110 -113, as revised 20th July 2021. Therefore, there are no transport grounds to resist this proposal.

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