

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	West Sussex County Council FAO: Edward Anderson
FROM:	WSSC - Highways Authority
DATE:	29 February 2024
LOCATION:	Staplefield Wastewater Treatment Works, Cuckfield Road, Staplefield, West Sussex, RH17 6ES
SUBJECT:	WSSC/007/24 Installation of Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) and associated infrastructure at land adjacent to Staplefield Wastewater Treatment Works.
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 County Matter Waste application (WSSC/007/24), with regards to any highway safety or capacity concerns. The application is supported by way of a Planning Statement (PS) and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

The application site is currently a farmland, located adjacent to Staplefield Wastewater Treatment Works (WTW). Staplefield WTW is situated adjacent to River Ouse, approximately 500m south of the village of Staplefield. The development proposals are for the installation of Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) and associated infrastructure.

Staplefield WTW is currently accessed from two access points taken from B2114 Cuckfield Road. The speed limit along B2114 to the north of site access is 40 miles per hour and to the south is 60 miles per hour. Visibility along both sides of B2114 Cuckfield Road is good for the posted speed limits. An inspection of data supplied to WSSC by Sussex Police over a period of last five years reveals that there has been no incident of personal injury reported near to the site access. This indicates the site access has been operating in a safe manner in its current form.

CEMP outlines the anticipated traffic movements during ICW construction as below:

- Construction plant deliveries (Low loaders) – 5 to 7 trips per week, 14 return trips.
- Welfare and compound deliveries (8 wheelers) – 5 to 7 trips per week, 14 return trips.
- Fuel deliveries (6 wheelers) - 0 to 2 trips per week, 16 return trips.
- Waste collection (Vans and small lorries) - 0 to 2 trips per week, 16 return trips.
- Staff vehicles (Vans and cars) – 30 to 50 trips per week, 740 return trips.
- Generic material deliveries (8 wheelers) – 0 to 3 trips per week, 20 return trips.
- Materials for access track delivery (8 wheelers) - 8 to 10 trips per week, 30 return trips.
- Earthworks fill material delivery (if spoil on site is deemed unusable for re-use and import is necessary), (8 wheelers) – 40 to 50 trips per week, 134 return trips.
- Traffic movements totalling to 984.

The construction is scheduled to commence in spring of 2024 and is expected to be carried out for approximately six months. Therefore, the above total trips are distributed over a six-month period. Appropriate safety measures are set out within the CEMP such that the scheme will not have an adverse impact upon the safety of users.

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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