

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Halima Chowdhury
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	11 August 2026
LOCATION:	Chewton, The Street, Slinfold, RH13 0RR
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0106 Erection of a new front driveway, replacement fence and 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 erection of a new front driveway, replacement fence and gate. The site is located on The Street, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 20 mph in this location.

The applicant proposes a new vehicular access on to The Street. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local Highway Area Engineer.

Visibility at the proposed point of access appears somewhat restricted in this location. However, the LHA acknowledges that due to the layout of the road in this location it is anticipated to be low speed. The absence of wide visibility splays at minor accesses will encourage drivers to appear more cautiously - similarly, to how vehicles pull out when visibility along the carriageway is restricted. Considering this, and that the access is not anticipated to generate a significant number of movements, the LHA raises no concerns to the proposed access point.

From inspection of the plans, the replacement fence does not appear to obstruct visibility for vehicles or pedestrians. In addition, the existing vegetation is to be kept cut to no higher than 600mm which will help to maintain visibility.

The parking area is suitable sized for one car, but on-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit the site in reverse gear. However, this would not be anticipated to give rise to a highway safety concern, owing to sufficient visibility and anticipated low traffic speeds.

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

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following informative should be applied:

Vehicle Crossover – Minor Highway Works

The applicant is advised that in addition to obtaining planning permission that they must also obtain formal approval from the highway authority to carry out the site access works

on the public highway. The granting of planning permission does not guarantee that a vehicle crossover licence shall be granted because the highway license process considers wider factors than are considered by the Highway Authority at planning stage. Additional information about the licence application process can be found at the following web page:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-network-permits-and-licences/highway-licences/west-sussex-county-council-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways/>

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