WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Steve Astles
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	02/04/2024
LOCATION:	Cedars The Driftway Upper Beeding West Sussex BN44 3JX
SUBJECT:	DC/24/0311 Erection of a 2m wooden fence to western boundary
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 2m high fence to western boundary. The site is located on The Driftway, an un-classified no-through road subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

The proposed fence would follow the existing boundary line of the property and would not encroach upon public highway. Whilst it is acknowledged that the proposal would obstruct visibility of vehicles travelling along this section of The Driftway, the LHA acknowledge that due to the road layout and on-street parking, vehicles would be anticipated to be travelling at a slow speed in this location. There are currently no restrictions in place by WSCC over the land in question that prevent the growth of a hedge, trees or other vegetation that could result in a similar obstruction to vehicular visibility. As such, the LHA would not raise a highway safety concern to the proposal.

The Local Highway Authority 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 115), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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