

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Meg Bayliss
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	10/07/2026
LOCATION:	14 Farm Avenue, Horsham, RH12 2JY
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0630 Erection of a proposed front porch and off road parking with extended drop kerb.
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.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been reconsulted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) following the applicant's submission of amended plans. The LHA previously provided comment on this application, dated 22/06/2026, advising modifications to be made to the plans, in regards to hardstanding depth and existing telegraph pole relating to the proposed vehicle crossover (VCO).

The amended plans now demonstrate a hardstanding depth of 4.8m in accordance with WSCC VCO policy. In addition, the plans also demonstrate that the proposed VCO will be located 1m away from an existing telegraph pole in accordance with WSCC VCO policy. As per previous comments, the applicant will need to apply for a licence from WSCC to undertake the proposed access works.

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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