WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Marie Riggs
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	07/08/2025
LOCATION:	76 Billingshurst Road, Broadbridge Heath, RH12 3LP
SUBJECT:	DC/25/0069 Extension of existing dropped kerb.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	N/A

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 an amended plan. The LHA previously provided comment on this application, dated 25/03/2025, requesting the proposed access be amended to align with WSCC Area Office Policy.

The revised access arrangement now proposes an extended dropped kerb with a width of 6.4m, as requested by the LHA. The applicant is advised that they will need to obtain a vehicle crossover licence from WSCC in order to carry out the proposed works, and the access will be constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer.

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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