

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Steve Astles
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	05/02/2026
LOCATION:	Kestrels, Rectory Lane, Ashington, RH20 3AS
SUBJECT:	DC/25/2123 Creation of new opening to existing screen wall to front garden of property to facilitate a vehicle access. Installation of new gates to new opening. Existing vehicle opening to be closed off to match existing screen wall.
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 consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the creation of a replacement vehicle access with gates. The site is located on Rectory Lane, an unclassified road subject to national speed limit in this location.

The existing side access is to be closed off and a new vehicle access directly onto Rectory Lane is proposed. Having reviewed local mapping, visibility appears comparable with that of the existing access, so no highway safety concerns would be raised in this regard. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained from WSCC, and 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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