

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Marie Riggs
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	06/07/2026
LOCATION:	15 Redford Avenue, Horsham, RH12 2HP
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0440 Installation of dropped kerb and driveway.
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 consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed installation of a dropped kerb and driveway. The site is located on Redford Avenue, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

A new 6.4m wide vehicle crossover is proposed on Redford Avenue, facilitating access to two off-street car parking spaces. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed point of access on Redford Avenue. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit the driveway in reverse gear – however, this would not be anticipated to give rise to a highway safety concern, owing to suitable visibility either side of the proposed access, and good forward visibility along this length of highway.

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. I would note that currently, WSCC have a policy of not granting licences to proposed accesses within 10m of a junction (see Section 10 of the below Application Criteria document). As such, given the proximity of the proposed vehicle crossover to the junction with Saxon Crescent, the applicant may need to demonstrate that the proposed access aligns with WSCC policy when applying for a licence. The WSCC Vehicular Cross Over: Application Criteria Guidance, can be found at the following link:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/20290/vco_guidance_notes.pdf

But from strictly a planning perspective, 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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