WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Meg Bayliss
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	29 November 2024
LOCATION:	76 Carter Drive, Broadbridge Heath, RH12 3GZ
SUBJECT:	DC/24/1714 Conversion of garage into habitable accommodation to form part kitchen and part study room with the installation of two rooflights.
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 proposal is for the conversion of garage into habitable accommodation to form part kitchen and part study room with the installation of two rooflights. The site is located on Carter Drive, a private road, consequently these comments are for your advice only. Carter Drive adjoins the public highway at Sargent Way an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

No alterations are proposed to the existing access arrangement. The proposed development is not anticipated to give rise to a material intensification of use of the existing access point.

A single-bay garage will be lost as part of the proposals. However, it should be noted that the existing garage does not meet the minimum internal specifications for single-bay garages of 3m x 6m as outlined in Manual for Streets. Therefore, the LHA would not consider the existing garage for parking provision, as it is likely too small to accommodate modern sized cars. It is not unreasonable for the LHA to assume the existing garage may be being used for other purposes, such as storage.

As such, no concerns are raised regarding loss of existing parking provision. An existing driveway is to be retained with provision for 1 car.

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 115), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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