

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Meg Bayliss
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	23 June 2026
LOCATION:	35 Brambling Road, Horsham, RH13 6AX
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0797 Conversion of garage to habitable space involving the replacement of front garage door with ground floor window, replacement of ground floor rear sliding doors with new door, window and French doors, and replacement of existing ground floor rear window with door.
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 application is for the conversion of a garage to habitable space. The site is located on Brambling Road, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The LHA previously provided consultation advice for this site for application DC/23/1943, raising no highway safety concerns. This Local Planning Authority (LPA) permitted the application.

There are no proposed changes 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 (MfS). 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 two to three cars.

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.

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