

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Halima Chowdhury
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	23 June 2026
LOCATION:	2 Oak Close, Pulborough, RH20 3PZ
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0670 Erection of a single storey rear extension, construction of a driveway and installation of a ramp to the front and rear elevations.
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 erection of a single storey rear extension, construction of a driveway and installation of a ramp to the front and rear elevations. The site is located on Oak Close, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The applicant proposes a new vehicular access on to Oak Close. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local Highway Area Engineer.

There are no apparent visibility concerns at the proposed access point. The LHA does not anticipate that the proposed development would give rise to a significant material intensification of movements to or from the site.

From inspection of the plans, the proposed parking area is suitably sized. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit the site in reverse gear. However, this is not anticipated to give rise to an adverse highway safety impact, owing to good forward visibility in this location.

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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