

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Marie Riggs
FROM:	WSSC – Highways Authority
DATE:	10 March 2026
LOCATION:	2 Woodfield Terrace, Henfield Road, RH13 8DR
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0073 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.

This proposal is for the installation of dropped kerb and driveway. The site is located on Henfield Road, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph in this location.

The applicant proposes a new 4.2m wide vehicular access on to Henfield Road. 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.

From inspection of local mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed access point on to Henfield Road.

From inspection of the plans, the proposed hardstanding is suitably sized for one car. 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. Neighbouring properties operate similar access arrangements with no known highway safety concerns.

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 condition 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:

<http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/>

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