

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Marie Riggs
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	03/08/2026
LOCATION:	90 Comptons Lane, Horsham, RH13 6BJ
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0603 Erection of a two storey side extension and alterations to fenestration.
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 reconsulted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) following the applicant's submission of amended plans. The LHA previously provided comment on this application, dated 24/06/2026, requesting amendments to the proposed access, and demonstration of vehicular and pedestrian visibility splays.

The amended plans now include a single access point proposed on Comptons Lane. Vehicular visibility splays of 2.4m x 43m have been demonstrated in both directions in accordance with Manual for Streets (MfS) parameters for a 30 mph speed restriction. Provision for pedestrian visibility splays has also been demonstrated either side of the proposed access point.

In addition to being granted planning permission, the proposed access works will be subject to a vehicle crossover (VCO) licence obtained from WSCC, and constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer. I include a relevant informative note below. But from a planning perspective, no highway safety or capacity concerns would be raised.

In summary, 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 conditions and informative should be applied:

Conditions

Access

No use of the proposed vehicular access shall take place until such time as the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the details shown on the drawing titled "*Proposed Site Access (Comptons Lane)*" and numbered "*DE1396/06 Rev. P1*".

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Visibility (details approved)

No part of the development shall be first occupied until visibility splays of 2.4 metres by 43 metres have been provided at the proposed site vehicular access onto Comptons Lane in

accordance with the approved planning drawings. Once provided the splays shall thereafter be maintained and kept free of all obstructions over a height of 0.6 metre above adjoining carriageway level or as otherwise agreed.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Informative

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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