WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Meg Bayliss
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	6 February 2025
LOCATION:	122 Cook Road, Horsham, RH12 5GQ
SUBJECT:	DC/24/1972 Installation of a modular ramp to allow wheelchair access to the property.
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 a modular ramp to allow wheelchair access to the property. The site is located on Cook Road, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

From inspection of the plans, the proposed works are to be located within privately maintained land and are not anticipated to result in a material intensification of movements to or from the site. There are no proposed changes to the vehicular access or parking arrangements. An existing driveway is to be retained with provision for one car.

The proposed access ramp has a gradient of 1 in 16. Regarding gradients, Inclusive Mobility guidance states that 'A ramp should have the lowest practicable gradient. 1 in 20 is the preferred gradient and 1 in 12 is the absolute maximum acceptable.' Therefore, the gradient of the ramp is within the acceptable range.

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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