West Sussex County Council - Planning Consultation Response

To: Horsham District Council

Date: 12 November 2026

FAO: Meg Bayliss

From: WSCC - Highways Authority

LPA Reference: DC/26/1628

Location: 4 Lanark Close, Horsham, RH13 5RY

Proposal: Conversion of garage to living accommodation, with front bay window and pitched roof.

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 garage to living accommodation, with front bay window and pitched roof. The site is located on Lanark Close, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

No alterations are proposed 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 one car.

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 (in line with TR6 paragraph 4) and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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