

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Marie Riggs
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	24/06/2026
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:	More Information / Modification

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 consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed erection of a two-storey side extension, alterations to fenestration and creation of new vehicle access points. The site is located on Comptons Lane, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph. Following a review of the submitted application documents, the LHA requests more information from the applicant, subject to the following comments:

Vehicle Access / Second Access

Two new vehicle access points are proposed to form an in-out driveway, with one access located on Comptons Lane and the other on Blackthorn Close. The applicant is advised that any proposed access works within the maintained highway will be subject to a licence obtained from WSCC.

Currently, WSCC have a policy of not granting licences to second accesses (see Section 5 of the below Application Criteria document). As such, the applicant is requested to omit one of the proposed access points from the plans, and ensure that the proposals align fully with WSCC Vehicular Cross Over: Application Criteria Guidance, which can be found at the following link:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/20290/vco_guidance_notes.pdf

Visibility

The applicant has not demonstrated vehicular or pedestrian visibility for the proposed access arrangement. As Comptons Lane is subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph, the LHA would request that visibility splays of 2.4m x 43m in both directions be demonstrated in accordance with Manual for Streets (MfS) parameters. If a sole access on Blackthorn Close is to be proposed instead, the applicant should demonstrate the maximum achievable visibility (noting the close proximity to a junction), for the LHA to assess.

In addition, I note the close proximity to a bus stop for the proposed access on Comptons Lane – Pedestrian visibility splays of 2m x 2m either side of the proposed vehicle access should also be demonstrated, as users of the footway are a consideration for this location.

Conclusion

The LHA requires additional information from the applicant before an adequate assessment can be made for these proposals. Please raise the above points with the applicant and

reconsult. Upon receiving the requested information, the LHA can assess the application further.

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