

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Stefan Galyas
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	06/07/2026
LOCATION:	Hogs Croft, London Road, Albourne, BN6 9BJ
SUBJECT:	DM/26/1373 Proposed dropped kerb and the creation of a new vehicular access.
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 consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed creation of a new vehicular access with dropped kerb. The site is located on London Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 40 mph in this location. The proposals are supported by a Transport Technical Note prepared by Reeves Transport Planning Ltd.

A new vehicle access point is proposed on London Road. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained from WSCC, and constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer. I include a relevant informative note below.

From inspection of WSCC mapping and supporting visibility splay diagrams included within the Transport Technical Note, visibility splays well in excess of 2.4m x 120m are achievable in both directions wholly within the maintained highway boundary, in accordance with Design Manual for Road and Bridges (DMRB) parameters.

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 informative 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: <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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