

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Peter Davies
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	07/04/2025
LOCATION:	57 Ashenground Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4PS
SUBJECT:	DM/25/0664 Proposed new access and extended parking area.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	N/A

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

This application seeks a proposed new access and extended parking area. The site is located on Ashenground Road, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

From inspection of the submitted plans, the existing crossover is to be closed off and a new proposed 6m wide crossover is proposed to serve the site. From inspection of WSCC mapping, visibility appears comparable between the existing and proposed access points. The extended parking area will allow for cars to turn on-site and exit in a forward gear.

The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local WSCC Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local WSCC Highway Area Engineer.

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 informatives 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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