

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Peter Davies
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	17 July 2025
LOCATION:	44A Appledore Gardens Haywards Heath RH16 2EU
SUBJECT:	DM/25/1602 Propose to remove the existing brick boundary and partition walls and replace with a 1m high fence along the front and side boundary lines, leaving an opening for vehicle access. Surface to be laid with a block paving and shingle.
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 removal of the existing brick boundary and partition walls and replacement with a 1m high fence along the front and side boundary lines, leaving an opening for vehicle access. Surface to be laid with a block paving and shingle. The site is located on Appledore Gardens, an un-classified road subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

The LHA would not raise any highway safety concerns to the proposed replacement of existing wall with 1m high fence. The proposed driveway will be constructed of shingle, with block paving to the site frontage, which is considered sufficient to prevent overspill of loose material onto the public highway.

The LHA acknowledge that this application does not encompass the vehicular crossover, and advise that any future planning application would be assessed under its own merits at that time. However, the LHA would request that the applicant be made aware that a licence for the vehicular crossover would be required and must be constructed to a specification agreed with the WSCC Area Engineer – the use of the parking area without licence would be considered unlawful and the applicant could be subject to enforcement.

Conclusion

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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