

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Hamish Evans
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	14/09/2026
LOCATION:	6 Chaloner Road, Lindfield, RH16 2NQ
SUBJECT:	DM/26/2046 Variation of condition no 2 relating to planning application DM/26/0532 - to allow for design changes.
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 variation of Condition 2 of DM/26/0532 (*Proposed change of use of amenity land to form vehicle crossing, dropped kerb and paved driveway*), to allow for design changes. For context, the LHA was a consultee for application DM/26/0532, raising no highway safety or capacity concerns.

From inspection of the plans, the proposals appear not too dissimilar from that of the previous planning application at this site, with the notable change being a 1m gap between the proposed vehicle crossover and existing pedestrian pathway. No highway safety or capacity concerns would be raised from strictly a planning perspective – however, as with the previous application, the proposed works will be subject to a licence obtained from WSCC, and the crossover would be constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer. I attach a relevant informative note below.

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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