



Fw: VCO application declined - VHOME02057

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Subject: VCO application declined - VHOME02057

Dear Customer,

A site visit has been carried out and unfortunately, permission cannot be granted.

Approval type: Homeowner Vehicle Crossover Application

Location valid for: , 6 Chaloner Road, Lindfield, HAYWARDS HEATH, RH16 2NQ

Reason your application was declined: We are unable to approve the VCO to be connected to the existing pedestrian dropped kerb area (crossing point) as this would have safety implications for the highway users, therefore a gap of min. 1m would be required between the VCO and the pedestrian dropped kerb area. Due to this reason, the small tree would be within the VCO area, without any clearance as per our guidance. Please note that the enquiry has also been sent to the tree team, who confirmed that they are unable to relocate the tree in question. Please provide the appeal decision link to the customer, as they may challenge/appeal this decision, especially that they have an approved planning permission. Also, please mention in the refusal letter/pack that the materials mentioned in the planning permission, are not meeting WSCC guidance, as the works needs to be completed as per WSCC specifications and carriageway specifications to sustain vehicles, but also finished in HRA, which is not the materials mentioned in the planning application.

We appreciate that this will be disappointing for you but hope that you can understand the rationale that sits behind the decision.

If you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal the decision.

When considering applications or subsequent appeals we will only review these against our current guidance. No consideration is given to historical guidance or any nearby vehicle crossover (VCO), regardless of when they may have been constructed. Any appeal must demonstrate how your request is in accordance with our current guidance.

We do not uphold appeals based on the grounds of:

- nearby historical VCOs that were granted but are no longer in line with our current guidance
- the size of your current vehicle, and whether it may or may not overhang the pavement
- any part of the requested VCO being within a layby
- the requested VCO crossing significant amenity grass

Details of our current guidance can be found at:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/14229/vehicle_crossing_guidance.pdf

Your appeal is more likely to be successful if you can demonstrate why the reason given in the attached letter is not correct. If no evidence of why the reason for refusal being incorrect is provided your appeal will be refused.

Any appeal must be made using the following link. We cannot accept an appeal over the phone.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/have-your-say/complaints/make-a-complaint-or-appeal/>

Should you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact us:

By email: highwayslicencing@westsussex.gov.uk

By phone: 0330 222 7767

Kind regards

Highways Licencing Team