

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Catherine Cardin
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	11 September 2025
LOCATION:	North End School North End London Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1QQ
SUBJECT:	DM/25/1394 Proposed single storey extension and porch.
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 a proposed single storey extension and porch. The site is located on London Road, an A-classified road subject to a speed limit of 30mph in this location.

The proposed extension and porch would constitute an increase of 8.5sqm of floorspace for the existing nursery. The LHA would not raise any highway safety concerns to the proposal. No alterations to the existing access or parking arrangements are proposed. The LHA would not anticipate that the proposal would result in a material increase in vehicle movements to or from the site.

It is acknowledged that the main nursery building has previously been utilised as a nursery, but has not been in use since late 2023 due to building safety issues, and is being renovated; with the adjacent building known as 'The Nest' currently being utilised for childcare provision. As such, the use of the site as a nursery has been established for some time. An inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the last five years reveals that there have been no recorded injury accidents at the access onto London Road. There is no evidence to suggest that the access is operating unsafely, or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

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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