

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Catherine Cardin
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	22/01/2026
LOCATION:	6 Colwell Close, Haywards Heath, RH16 4HF
SUBJECT:	DM/25/3148 Proposed change of use from grass verge to domestic curtilage with new placement of fence. Existing driveway to be enlarged, reinstatement of retaining wall, and provision of step-free access.
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 the change of use from grass verge to domestic curtilage with new placement of fence, existing driveway to be enlarged, reinstatement of retaining wall, and provision of step-free access. The site is located on Colwell Close, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

From inspection of the plans, the existing dropped kerb is to remain as existing. The widened driveway will be located within private land, and does not encroach into the maintained highway boundary. The proposals appear to only facilitate improved pedestrian access for the occupier. Consequently, no highway safety concerns would be raised.

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.

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