

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Mid Sussex District Council FAO: Peter Davies
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	2 June 2026
LOCATION:	Fir Trees, Hazelgrove Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3PQ
SUBJECT:	DM/26/1124 Close existing vehicle access, raise highway kerb and footway to WSCC specification and fence boundary as existing.
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 to close existing vehicle access, raise highway kerb and footway to WSCC specification and fence boundary as existing. The site is located on Hazelgrove Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

From inspection of the plans, the proposed fence is on private land and does not encroach into the highway boundary. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local Highway Area Engineer.

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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