

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Louise Prew
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	2 March 2026
LOCATION:	Petrol Filling Station 42 Findon Road Worthing BN14 0AB
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1585/25 Provision of electric vehicle charging bays and associated works.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

Summary

West Sussex County Council was consulted previously on this proposal and a revision to the design was encouraged to prevent the requirement of reversing vehicles within the access from Findon Road.

This application seeks works to the existing petrol station at 42 Findon Road, for the installation of two EV charging bays. The proposals include a new lighting column to illuminate the new bays.

The proposal will see the loss of a grass verge between the public footway and the forecourt area. This verge does not make up part of the publicly maintained highway. No alterations are proposed to the existing access arrangements. The proposed works are not anticipated to give rise to a material intensification of movements to or from the site.

Comments

The two proposed EV bays will replace three existing “regular” parking bays, resulting in the net loss of 1 parking space. It has been outlined within associated documentation that there are parking alternatives available, within the gravel parking area to the north of the site- (although this would appear to require vehicles to bump up a kerb to use), within the pump bays themselves and within nearby on street parking provisions. Any on-street parking generated by the removal of the existing three parking bays would be temporary in nature and infrequent throughout the day, Parking would not be anticipated to occur within Findon Road itself.

Overall, the loss of the parking spaces would not be anticipated to give rise to an adverse highway safety impact or parking capacity issue in this location.

From inspection of the plans, the proposed EV parking bays are suitably sized and on-site turning appears achievable without the requirement to manoeuvre across the Fuel Station access point.

The previously proposed glass divider between the EV charging bays and the petrol forecourt has now been removed and allows an improved flexibility for vehicles to manoeuvre to and from the spaces.

Conclusion

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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