WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	21 April 2021
LOCATION:	208 Manor Hall Road Brighton BN42 4NH
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0447/21 Increase width of existing vehicular access by 4 metres.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Modification
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals which include up to 5 residential units or extensions to single units accessed from roads that do not form part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). As such the comments provided by Planning Services should be considered to be advice only, with respect to this planning application.

This proposal has been considered by means of a desktop study, using the information and plans submitted with this application, in conjunction with other available WSCC map information. A site visit can be arranged on request.

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

The applicant proposes a 6.8 metre Vehicle Crossover (VCO).

The applicant should be made aware that VCO's under 4.5 metres or over 6.4 metres are generally not accepted at the licensing stage. Though in this instance, such a provision is not considered a highway safety concern. The applicant should be mindful that this may result in, if successful, a planning permission that cannot be implemented. Therefore, the applicant is recommended amending the plans to show a kerbside VCO of between 4.5 – 6.4 metres.

Conclusion

In principle the Local Highways Authority (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. However, the LHA require a modification regarding the VCO width, as described above.

Please raise these issues with the applicant and re-consult. At which time the LHA can advise suitable conditions and informative notes.

Stephen Garrard
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