WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	18 May 2021
LOCATION:	91 First Avenue, Lancing, BN15 0ET
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0069/21 Construction of vehicular access along with associated hardstanding.
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 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 Strategic Planning 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.

This proposal is for the creation of a new vehicular access with hardstanding. The site is located on First Avenue, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) previously provided consultation advice for this application, dated 17/03/2021, raising no objections. The applicant has submitted amended plans as such, the LHA has been re-consulted and can provide the following updated comments.

The applicant proposes a 3m wide dropped kerb onto First Avenue. The proposed vehicle crossover (VCO) will be subject to a licence obtained through the local area office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local area engineer.

The amended plans demonstrate a relocated access, situated at least 1.5m from nearby street signs. From inspection of the plans and local mapping, visibility at the proposed access appears suitable for the road speeds in this location.

Regarding parking, the proposed area of hardstanding is of sufficient size to allow for one off-street car parking space. On-site turning may not be achievable, so vehicles may have to exit the site in a reverse gear. However, the LHA does not anticipate that this would give rise to a severe safety concern, given the good forward visibility along First Avenue in this location.

In 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 109), 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.

Additional information about the licence application process can be found at the following web page:
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/

Online applications can be made at the link below, alternatively please call 01243 642105.
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/vehicle-crossover-dropped-kerb-construction-application-form/

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