WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Amanda Haslett
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	19/03/2025
LOCATION:	15 Ellis Avenue, Worthing, BN13 3DY
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0270/25 Widening of driveway entrance, excavation to level front garden involving removal of existing retaining walls, addition of new retaining walls to create enlarged parking area with new bound surfacing to parking area.
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 widening of a driveway entrance and works to front garden to facilitate an enlarged parking area with two off-street car parking spaces. The site is located on Ellis Avenue, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

A section of wall is to be removed to enable a widened access point. The plans suggest no works to the existing vehicle crossover, which could benefit from being widened to line up with the widened access point. However, I am mindful of the close proximity of an existing tree fronting the site, which may limit how much the vehicle crossover could be widened to. Nevertheless, the applicant is advised to seek dialogue with the local WSCC Highway Area Office to ascertain whether this could be achieved. Although, I would not insist upon this, given there still appears to be suitable width to enable cars to manoeuvre in and out utilising the existing crossover.

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.

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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