WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	19 May 2022
LOCATION:	6 Old Shoreham Road, Shoreham-by-sea, BN43 5TA
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0722/22 Vehicle crossover
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	N/A

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

This proposal is for the creation of a vehicle crossover (VCO). The site is located on Old Shoreham Road, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph in this location. Having inspected the application documents, WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) requests additional information from the applicant, subject to the below comments.

The proposed vehicle crossover (VCO) would be subject to a licence and would be constructed to a specification agreed with the Local Area Engineer. The applicant should be aware that as part of the licence application process, the width and depth of hardstanding would be assessed:

From inspection of the plans and local mapping, the proposed area of hardstanding has a depth of approximately 4.5m. The applicant should be aware that licences for VCOs are only granted for accesses if the hardstanding depth is at least 4.8 metres, or 6m where the parking area is in front of a door for means of escape. This is to ensure a vehicle can be fully removed from the highway when parked. Should the applicant park a vehicle on the hardstanding which overhangs the footway, they may be liable under Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980.

As such, the applicant is requested to demonstrate that a vehicle can park within the proposed driveway without overhanging the footway. The applicant would need to demonstrate a parking space of 2.4m x 4.8m, tangential to the carriageway. As per the above, a 6m depth would be required if the parking space is located in front of a door.

Please raise the above with the applicant and re-consult.

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