

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Hannah Barker
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	28/08/2026
LOCATION:	63 Boundstone Lane, Sompting, BN15 9QU
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0927/26 Vehicle access onto Cokeham Road
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

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

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed creation of a new vehicle access. The site is located on Cokeham Road, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

A new vehicle crossover (VCO) is proposed on Cokeham Road to facilitate access to a new off-street parking area for two cars. The existing vehicle access point on Boundstone Lane is to be closed off. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed point of access on Cokeham Road. On-site turning appears achievable within the site, allowing cars to exit in a forward gear.

The applicant is advised that the proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained from WSCC, and constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer. I note the written Parish Council representation raises a concern regarding the proximity of the proposed access to the junction with Boundstone Lane. For licences to be granted for VCOs, the proposed access must be situated at least 10m from a junction, which from inspection of the plans the proposed access achieves. As such, no concerns would be raised in this regard.

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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