

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Marie O'Keeffe
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	7 August 2026
LOCATION:	4 Buci Crescent Shoreham-By-Sea BN43 6LB
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0838/26 Demolition of existing garage and extension to form new rear extension.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

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

The proposal is located on Buci Crescent, a D classified Road subject to 30mph speed restrictions. From observation of data collected over a 5-year period supplied by Sussex Police, there appear to have been no highways collisions within proximity of the property to flag an existing concern with the operation of the highway network at this point.

The garage as it exists appears substandard in size compared with WSCC parking standards which outline that a garage of 3m x 6m is sufficient to serve an average sized vehicle. Furthermore, owing to siting of the garage in relation to the property and access, an average size vehicle may struggle to safely navigate alongside the dwelling to make use of it. The garage is positioned at an angle to the driveway. Therefore, this existing garage space does not count toward the current overall parking provision. Currently there is frontage parking at the property for a minimum of 1 vehicle, and this same provision is proposed to be retained to serve the dwelling.

The proposed additional floor space does not result in additional bedrooms being generated at the property and thus would not impact on the required parking provision. The current number of bedrooms within the property is unknown and therefore the parking demand that the property currently requires cannot be established.

The proposal however, would not be anticipated to generate a material intensification in vehicular movements or materially raise demand for parking within the site over that which is already occurring.

Parking sufficient to serve a minimum of one vehicle is available on frontage hard standing. There is also the possibility for on street parking to accommodate for any overspill generated by the proposal. Bus services are in operation within the adjoining road network and Southwick railway station is located a 5minute bicycle journey from the site. There are opportunities therefore, for more sustainable methods of transport to reduce the reliance on the use of a car.

The Local Highway Authority does not consider that the 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.

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