WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Jo Morin
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	9 December 2024
LOCATION:	Teach All About It, 303 Tarring Road, Worthing, BN11 5JG
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1436/24
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.

This proposal is for the change of use from tuition centre to retail store with a small coffee shop (less than 10 seats) and ancillary office/workshop space. The site is located on Tarring Road, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The LHA previously provided consultation advice for this site for application AWDM/1088/20, raising no highway safety concerns. This Local Planning Authority (LPA) permitted the application.

No vehicular access is associated with this development. An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last 5 years reveals four recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. However, these were not attributed to the layout of the road. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the nearby road network is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

Given that no vehicular access currently exists to the site for customers/visitors to the existing tuition centre, this proposal is not anticipated to result in a material intensification of vehicle movements to or from the site.

The site has no on-site vehicular parking. Under WSCC parking standards a class E retail unit of this size would require three car parking spaces. However, the LHA appreciates that the existing site operates with a nil parking provision with no known safety concerns. Furthermore, the site is situated in a sustainable town centre location well connected by public transport and within walking distance of public car parks. The LHA does not anticipate that highways safety would be detrimentally affected through the nil parking provision. The LPA may wish to consider the potential impacts on on-street parking from an amenity point of view.

No cycle parking is proposed for this development. The LHA would recommend that secure covered, cycle spaces be provided to encourage sustainable transport methods.

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 115), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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