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| **To:** | Matthew Porter |
| **Subject:** | AWDM/0507/12 - Wayfinding signage across Lancing Business Park - 27 in total - Further Response |

This consultation has been dealt with by **SRU**

**Reference No.:** AWDM/0507/12

**District Office:** Adur & Worthing

**Response:** Advice

**This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals which include up to 5 residential units or extensions to single units accessed from roads that do not form part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). As such the comments provided by Local Development should be considered to be advice only, with respect to this planning application.**

This proposal has been considered by means of a desktop study, using the information and plans submitted with this application, in conjunction with other available map information.

This application seeks consent to erect a total of 27 way finder signs at various locations around Lancing business park adjacent to Western Road, Blenheim Road, Spencer Road, Winston Road, Marlborough Road, Chartwell Road, Commerce Way and Peters Road. All apart from Peters Road are maintained at the public expense. None of the proposed signage will be illuminated.

West Sussex County Council was consulted previously on Highway Matters for planning application and issues a response on the 28/05/2012 requesting that four of the proposed signs be removed from locations considered to be publicly maintained highway.

Since this consultation we have been provided further information from our Legal Services team and Structural Maintenance team. They have confirmed while we do not encourage the placement of such signage on this occasion they are willing to support the signage application and would be minded to grant a section 115 licence for the proposed signage which stands on the public highway.

I can confirm that there are no anticipated visibility concerns connected with the placement of signs 9, 14, 19 and 27.

It is noted that signs 29, 30 and 31 are replacement welcome signs located at the entrance to the business park on land considered to be publicly maintained highway. The Local Planning Authority should ensure that the existing signs are covered by a licence.

The remaining proposed signs (2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 28) would appear to be placed in location not considered to be publicly maintained highway and are acceptable in highways terms. It should however be noted that the placement of signs 18 & 21 according to the plan provided would appear to be acceptable, however form the photo supplied in the 'Full Signage Proposal' there would appear encroachment onto highway land. I would ask that the location as per the plans is used for positioning these signs. In addition sign 12 does overhang land considered to be publicly maintained highway and therefore will require a Section 177 Licence.

In summary while WSCC, at the highways authority, would not encourage the placement of signage on the public highway the Area Engineer has indicated that we would be minded to grant the relevant

licensing on this occasion. As such no overriding highways concerns would be raised.

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Before the commencement of any operation, the applicant is advised to contact West Sussex County Council (Tel no: 01243 642105 or email street.works@westsussex.gov.uk) to obtain a Section 177 Licence under the Highways Act 1980 to cover any structure that overhangs the highway & a Section 115 Licence to cover the signage placed on the public highway.

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