WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	20 June 2022
LOCATION:	26 Manor Hall Road Southwick West Sussex BN42 4NB
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0927/22 Vehicular crossover with dropped kerb
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a

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

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

Summary
This proposal is for construction of vehicle crossover to serve the existing property. The site is located on Manor Hall Road which is a C-classified road subject to 30mph speed restrictions.

Proposed access
The proposed access will measure circa 3.5m. Any access works on the public highway must be implemented under a licence obtained by WSCC Highways to a specification agreed with them. A suitably worded informative is included below.

The applicant has not demonstrated visibility splays for the proposed vehicle crossover (VCO), however looking at local mapping it appears that the access will have sufficient splays for the posted speed limit.

This proposal is not anticipated to result in material intensification of use.

The existing hardstanding area will be utilised for this development. The existing driveway presumably currently serves no. 24, however this is unclear as the site boundary annotates no.26 as the only dwelling. If no. 26 is the only dwelling within the site boundary the proposed access will be classed as second access to the property. It should be noted that WSCC Highways is unlikely to grant a licence for a second access according to their guidance.

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

If the LPA are minded to approve this application, the following condition and informative are advised.

Conditions
Access
The use of the access shall not commence until such time as the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the details shown on the proposed block plan.
Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Informative
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. Additional information about the licence application process can be found at the following web page:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/

Online applications can be made at the link below, alternatively please call 01243 642105.

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