WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Finlay Gardner
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	04/07/2025
LOCATION:	117 Dominion Road, Worthing, BN14 8LG
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0702/25 Vehicular access with paving and 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.

This application seeks a new 4.65m wide dropped kerb access to facilitate access to hardstanding for off-street parking. The site is located on Dominion Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

I am aware of a historic refusal for a similar application in this area. National Planning Policy and highways technical guidance has changed since this time, with the introduction of the NPPF in 2011 (revised 2018) and Manual for Streets (MfS) in 2007. The LHA has therefore assessed this application based on current policy and guidance.

From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed point of access on Dominion Road. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local WSCC Highway Area Office, and constructed to a specification agreed with the local WSCC Highway Area Engineer.

The proposed hardstanding appears of suitable size to accommodate one off-street car parking space of 2.4m x 4.8m. I note two cars are shown on the submitted plan, but the proposed hardstanding falls slightly short of a width of 4.8m to accommodate two car parking spaces drawn to Manual for Streets (MfS) specifications. Two smaller sized cars could realistically fit, but this would be at the discretion of the homeowner.

On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit the site in a reverse gear. However, this would not be anticipated to give rise to an adverse highway safety impact, as Dominion Road benefits from good forward visibility in this location. Neighbouring properties operate similar access arrangements with no known highway safety concerns.

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

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