WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	5 November 2025
LOCATION:	30 Riverside Road Shoreham-By-Sea BN43 5RB
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1110/25 Widening of the existing crossover and extending the dropped kerb to facilitate safer exiting of the property.
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.

The LHA has been re-consulted on this application following an amendment to the proposed VCO.

The revised plans indicate that the existing VCO will be relocated slightly to the east of its current position. The proposed new VCO will not exceed the maximum permitted width of 6.4m. This proposal would result in 1.28m of the existing VCO being reinstated to full kerb height. The LHA would not raise any highway safety concerns to the proposal.

The crossover works would be subject to a licence from the Area Engineer and must be constructed to a specification agreed with them.

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 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:

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 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:
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-network-permits-and-licences/highway-licences/west-sussex-county-council-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways/

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