WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Hannah Barker
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	4 October 2023
LOCATION:	1 Hamble Road, Sompting, BN15 0ES
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1317/23 Construction of single storey 1 bed accessible dwelling attached to west elevation.
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.

Summary and Context

This proposal is for the construction of a single-storey one bedroom dwelling. The site is located on Hamble Road, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph. Following an inspection of the submitted application documents, WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) raises no highway safety concerns for this application.

The LHA previously provided consultation advice for this site for similar application AWDM/0660/23, raising no highway safety concerns. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) refused the application on grounds unrelated to highways.

Content

No vehicular access is associated with this site, whilst pedestrian access to the dwelling will be achieved via the west side of the plot. The LHA does not anticipate that the addition of one dwelling would give rise to a significant material intensification of movements to or from the site.

No vehicular parking is proposed. The WSCC Car Parking Demand Calculator indicates that a dwelling of this size in this location would require at least two car parking spaces. Therefore, vehicular parking would have to be accommodated on-street. The LHA does not anticipate that the proposed nil car parking provision would result in an adverse highway safety impact, nor give rise to a parking capacity issue. However, the LPA may wish to consider the potential impacts on on-street parking from an amenity point of view.

No details regarding cycle parking have been provided. Cycling is a viable option in the area and the LHA request that secure and covered cycle parking provision for at least one cycle be demonstrated in accordance with WSCC Parking Standards.

The site is situated in Sompting, which has services and amenities within walking/cycle distance of the site. The site is also well connected by bus services, with bus stops offering regular services from Hamble Road and Western Road North. Lancing Train Station is situated approximately 1.5km east of the site.

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 the application, the following condition should be applied:

Cycle parking

No part of the development shall be first occupied until covered and secure cycle parking spaces have been provided in accordance with plans and details to be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To provide alternative travel options to the use of the car in accordance with current sustainable transport policies.

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