WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	6 September 2022
LOCATION:	33 First Avenue, Lancing, BN15 9QG
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1409/22 Vehicle access
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 proposal is for the creation of a new shared vehicular access. The site is located on First Avenue, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph. The LHA is aware of the accompanying application for the neighbouring property, of which comments will also be provided for.

The applicant proposes a new shared dropped kerb access onto First Avenue. From inspection of local mapping, there are no apparent visibility issues with the proposed point of access onto First Avenue.

The proposed vehicle crossover (VCO) will be subject to a licence obtained through the Local Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the Local Area Engineer. To maintain on street parking, the maximum allowable width of any one access is 4.5m per property from the centreline of the shared access. Hence, a single VCO for two adjacent properties with a shared access should not be more than 9.0m in total.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded injury accidents attributed to road layout within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the nearby road network is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

From inspection of the plans, the proposed area of hardstanding will be of sufficient size to accommodate two parking spaces per dwelling. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit onto First Avenue in a reverse gear. However, this is not anticipated to result in a highway safety concern, as the site exhibits suitable vehicular visibility. Neighbouring properties operate similar access arrangements with no known highway safety issues.

In 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 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.

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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