WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	25 May 2023
LOCATION:	18 First Avenue Lancing BN15 9QG
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0722/23 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 application is for the construction of a vehicular access to existing dwelling. The site is located on First Avenue, a C-classified road subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

The proposed plans demonstrate that the vehicular access will be 5.6m in width at the carriageway edge. Visibility splays of 2.4 x 43m in accordance with Manual for Streets (MfS) have not been demonstrated on the proposed plans. However an inspection of WSCC mapping indicates that these splays are achievable in this location, and are maintainable wholly within the public highway.

The proposed hardstanding area does not meet the minimum depth of 4.8m as set out in the WSCC Guidance on Parking at New Developments for a single standard vehicle parking space. Whilst the LHA would not raise any highway safety concerns to the depth, the applicant should be aware that any vvehicleparked overhanging the public highway (including footway) is illegal and could be dealt with as an offence under Section 22 Road Traffic Act 1988 – (leaving vehicles in a dangerous position on the road including verge) and Section 137 Highways Act 1980 (wilful obstruction of the free passage along a highwa..) Both of these acts are enforceable by Sussex Police. The applicant should also be aware that the VCO would be subject to a licence from the Area Engineer, and must be constructed to a specification agreed with them - as the proposed hardstanding area does not meet minimum depth dimensions, a licence may not be granted. The LPA may wish to consider the implications of approving an application that may not be implementable.

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. However, as above, the LPA should be aware that a licence for the VCO may not be granted by the Area Engineer.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following conditions and informative should be applied:

Conditions
Access (details approved)
No use of the access shall take place until such time as the car parking space has been constructed in accordance with the approved plan.
Reason: In the interests of road safety

Car parking space (details approved)
No use of the car parking space shall take place until such time as the vehicular access has been constructed in accordance with the approved plan.
These spaces shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purpose.
Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use

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.
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/vehicle-crossover-dropped-kerb-construction-application-form/

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