WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Finlay Gardner
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	15 November 2024
LOCATION:	70B Dominion Road, Worthing, BN14 8JT
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1142/24 Vehicle access and hardstanding.
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.

This proposal is for vehicle access and hardstanding. The site is located on Dominion Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The LHA previously provided consultation advice for this site for application AWDM/0324/22, raising no highway safety concerns. This Local Planning Authority (LPA) permitted the application.

The applicant proposes a new 4.5m wide vehicular access on to High Street. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local Highway Area Engineer.

From inspection of local mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns at the proposed access point. The submitted plan demonstrates pedestrian visibility spays either side of the access which are considered acceptable.

The proposed area of hardstanding is sufficiently sized to provide one car parking space. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit the site in reverse gear. However, this is not anticipated to give rise to an adverse highway safety impact, owing to good forward visibility in this location. Neighbouring properties operate similar access arrangements with no known highway safety concerns.

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 115), 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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