WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Finlay Gardner
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	20 November 2023
LOCATION:	75 Wiston Avenue, Worthing, BN14 7PT
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1467/23 Vehicle access with permeable surfacing to frontage
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 provision of a dropped kerb access and permeable surfacing. The site is located on Wiston Avenue, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph in this location.

The applicant proposes a 4.5m wide dropped kerb to serve the site on Wiston Avenue. From inspection of the plans and WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility issues with the proposed point of access on to Wiston Avenue. The proposed 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.

The proposed site frontage appears suitably sized to accommodate two cars. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit the site in a reverse gear. However, this is not anticipated to give rise to an adverse highway safety impact in this location, owing to good forward visibility along Wiston Avenue. Neighbouring properties operate similar access arrangements with no known highway safety concerns.

In summary, 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 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-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/

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