WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	30 May 2022
LOCATION:	13 Sompting Road Lancing BN15 9HW
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0688/22 Extension of existing dropped kerb and resurfacing of existing hardstanding.
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 an extension of existing dropped kerb and resurfacing of existing hardstanding.

The site is located on 13 Sompting Road, a C-class publicly maintained road subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

Access and Visiblility

The existing dwelling does currently benefit from a 4.5m Vehicle Crossover (VCO). The proposed plans demonstrate the extension of the existing VCO will result in a VCO width of 10.1m. Whilst the LHA would not raise a highway safety concern to the proposal, the access wideneing works would be subject to a licence from the Area Office and must be constructed to a specifcation agreed with them. The applicant should be aware that a VCO of width greater than 6.4m is not likely to be granted a licence due to Area Office policy. The LPA may wish to request that the applicant revise the proposed access width to ensure that any planning permission granted is implementable.

The proposed plans do not demonstrate vehicular visibility at the proposed access.

However, from an inspection of WSCC mapping visibility appears to be sufficient in this location. An inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the past five years reveals that there have been no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. Therefore there is no evidence to suggest that the existing road network is operating unsafely.

The applicant proposed to resurface the existing hardstanding area to provide parking for dwelling. The LHA would not raise any highways safety concerns to this.

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. Whilst the LHA would not raise any highways safety concerns, as above the Area Office are unlikely to

grant a licence for the proposed VCO width.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, a suitable condition securing the access works would be advised. The following informative should be applied:

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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