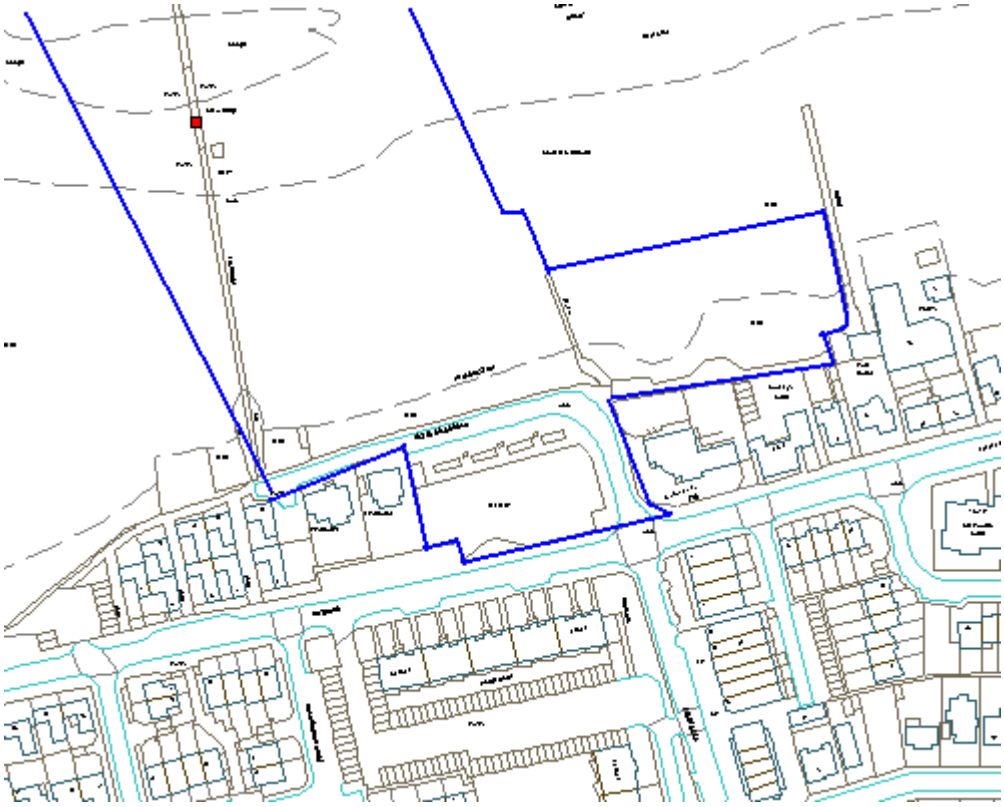
Application Number: AWDM/0442/13 Recommendation – No Objection

Site: **Adur Foot Bridge, High Street, Shoreham-By-Sea West Sussex**

Proposal: **Consultation by WSCC (Regulation 3) on application WSCC/025/13/SU for amendment of Condition 2 and 8 of planning permission WSCC/056/11/SU to allow revised layout of southern landing of new footbridge.**

Applicant: West Sussex County Council Ward: St Mary's
Case Officer: Peter Barnett



Proposal, Site and Surroundings

This application will be determined by West Sussex County Council and is referred to this Council for consultation purposes only. The application is submitted under regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

Permission was granted in January 2012 for the replacement bridge and work is progressing, with the bridge due to open later this summer. The current application proposes to improve the public realm by creating a pedestrian link from the southern end of the new footbridge to Ferry Road, rationalising the existing car park and improving the area outside the Ferry Road shops. The application seeks an amendment to Condition 2 of the original permission

which relates to the approved plans and to Condition 8 which relates to landscaping.

The approved plans show a less direct footpath to Ferry Road which wraps around the edge of the car park. The current proposal is to create a more direct route to reflect pedestrian desire lines, with the pedestrian crossing moved eastwards closer to The Waterside PH. The road access is to be relocated westwards to run along the western edge of the car park thereby avoiding potential conflict with pedestrians. The car park is to be reconfigured and the number of spaces increased to 57, plus 2 disabled spaces and 3 motorcycle bays. Seating areas are to be provided adjacent to the river with associated planting and landscaping. A shared space is to be provided for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists leading to the site of the approved slipway.

The landing area adjacent to the bridge is to be raised 1m above the car park level to provide the necessary flood defence with steps down to the east and west and a new gently sloping pathway leading down to the car park and Ferry Road.

Planning History

ADC/0690/11 Consultation by WSCC on Reg 3 application WSCC/056/11/SU for proposed replacement of existing Shoreham Harbour footbridge with new bridge suitable for pedestrians and cyclists - application approved January 2012

Consultations
Under the relevant Regulations, all consultations with statutory and other bodies and publicity are carried out by WSCC and replies including by the public are made direct to WSCC.

Adur & Worthing Councils: The comments of the ***Environmental Health officer*** are to be reported

Third Parties: *[NB. Representations from Third Parties are made direct to WSCC]*

Relevant Planning Policies

Adopted Adur District Local Plan 1993-2006 (ADC 1996) (saved policies): AG1, AP9, AC1, AC4, AB1, AB4-5, AB11, AB13, AB15, AB16, AT10
West Sussex Transport Plan 2011-2016 (WSCC 2011)
Shoreham-by-Sea Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Strategy (ADC 2008)
'A Strategy for Shoreham Renaissance' (for ADC 2006)
National Planning Policy Framework (CLG 2012)

Planning Assessment

The proposal relates only to the changes to the southern landing area of the new bridge and represents an improved public realm over the previously

approved scheme with a more direct and sensible pedestrian link to Ferry Road.

Members of the Adur Planning Committee previously expressed concern about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists if the route at its southern end passes through the middle of the Riverside public car park as previously shown and they considered that this required further investigation. The revised plans successfully amend the route to avoid such conflict. Furthermore, the revised landscaping proposals help to separate the car park from the seating adjacent to the river and will make this a more desirable and pleasant space to use. Your officers therefore have no objections to the proposal.

Recommendation

That West Sussex County Council be informed that the District Council supports the proposed amendments to the southern landing of the new footbridge.