

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Amanda Haslett
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	19 December 2025
LOCATION:	68 Manor Road Worthing BN11 4SL
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1383/25 Partial demolition of boundary wall fronting Shakespeare Road to widen existing vehicle access/hardstanding, and construction of a replacement wall pier (1.52m high)
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 application is for the partial demolition of boundary wall fronting Shakespear Road to widen the existing vehicle access/hardstanding, and construction of a replacement wall pier (1.52m high). The site is located on Manor Road, an un-classified road subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

The site is accessed via Shakespeare Road, an un-classified road also subject to a 30mph speed limit. The proposal would result in the existing hardstanding area being widened to accommodate two vehicles. It does not appear that the existing dropped kerb (VCO) is proposed to be widened as part of this application. The applicant is encouraged to consider widening the VCO to avoid being held liable for any damage to the public highway (including footway). Any alterations to the existing VCO would be subject to a licence from the Area Engineer and must be constructed to a specification agreed with them.

The LHA would not raise any highways safety concerns to the proposed widened hardstanding area or the relocated pier, which will not exceed its existing height.

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 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following informative is advised:

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 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-network-permits-and-licences/highway-licences/west-sussex-county-council-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways/>

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