

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Marie O'Keeffe
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	07/09/2026
LOCATION:	7 Test Road, Sompting, BN15 0EG
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1000/26 Construction of 1no. detached dwelling with associated parking and new crossover to serve existing dwelling.
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.

Summary

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed construction of a detached dwelling with associated parking and new crossover to serve existing dwelling. The site is located on Test Road, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph. Following a review of the submitted plans and application documents, the LHA raise no highway safety or capacity concerns for this application.

Access and Visibility

A new vehicle crossover is proposed on Test Road to serve the existing dwelling. The existing vehicle crossover on Arun Close will be utilised by the proposed dwelling. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the existing and proposed points of access onto the maintained highway. The applicant will need to apply for a licence from WSCC for the proposed vehicle crossover works, of which would be constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer – I attach a relevant informative note below.

Parking and Turning

A new driveway is proposed for the existing dwelling providing one off-street car parking space. The proposed dwelling will make use of the existing driveway, which also provides one off-street car parking space. The existing garage is also proposed for use by the proposed dwelling, though it is unclear if this could be considered for parking provision, given its size – it may be too small to be used for parking by modern sized cars. Nevertheless, it does provide space for parking for a smaller sized car that can be accommodated inside.

The WSCC Car Parking Demand Calculator indicates that the proposed dwelling would require three car parking spaces. There is also an assumption that the existing dwelling would also create demand for at least two car parking spaces. Consequently, any overspill parking would have to be accommodated on-street. Whilst no highway safety concerns would be raised in this regard, the LPA may wish to consider the potential impacts on on-street parking from an amenity point of view.

Sustainability

The site is situated in a location the LHA considers sustainable, this being well accessible on foot, by cycle or by public transport. Local services, amenities and public transport connections are located within walking/cycle distance of the site. Cycling is a viable option in the local area, and provision for the secure storage of bicycles for the proposed dwelling has been demonstrated in the plans.

Conclusion

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

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following conditions and informative should be applied:

Conditions

Car parking space (details approved)

No part of the development shall be first occupied until the car parking has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan. These spaces shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purpose.

Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use

Cycle parking

No part of the development shall be first occupied until covered and secure cycle parking spaces have been provided in accordance with plans and details to be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To provide alternative travel options to the use of the car in accordance with current sustainable transport policies.

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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