

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Rebekah Hincke
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	30/06/2026
LOCATION:	179-181 Brighton Road, Worthing, BN11 2EX
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0672/26 Proposed vehicular access.
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.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for a proposed vehicular access to serve 179-181 Brighton Road. The site is located on Brighton Road, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

From inspection of the plans, a new 5.2m wide dropped kerb is proposed on Brighton Road to facilitate access to an off-street parking area. Visibility splays of 2.4m x 43m have been demonstrated in both directions in accordance with Manual for Streets (MfS) parameters for a 30 mph speed restriction. There is sufficient space within the proposed off-street parking area for cars to turn and exit in a forward gear.

The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained from WSCC and constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer. I note that the proposed access will be situated within an existing bus stop – consequently I have consulted the relevant teams within WSCC to determine whether such proposals would be supported. Unfortunately, due to the presence of a bus stop in this location, the proposals are likely to be refused a licence. There are planned works for this bus stop to be relocated later this year, and replaced with on-street parking bays as part of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) – As the proposals would result in a loss of on-street parking within a CPZ, such proposals are also likely to be refused a licence for this reason.

So, whilst no highway safety concerns would be raised from strictly a planning perspective, the LPA are advised that the proposals are likely to be refused a licence from WSCC and therefore, even if planning permission is granted, they are essentially unimplementable.

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

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