WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	13 March 2019
LOCATION:	8 Grinstead Lane, Lancing, BN15 9DY
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0287/19 Vehicular access
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 which include up to 5 residential units or extensions to single units accessed from roads that do not form part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). As such the comments provided by Strategic Planning should be considered to be advice only, with respect to this planning application.

This proposal has been considered by means of a desktop study, using the information and plans submitted with this application, in conjunction with other available WSCC map information. A site visit can be arranged on request.

Summary

This proposal is for the input of a drop down kerb for vehicular access to the property.

Access and visibility

The site is located on Grinstead Lane, an A-Class road subject to 30 mph. The proposed drop down kerb will be 3 metres wide, which is sufficient for single access use. Vehicular visibility splays were not provided in the plan. Using Local Mapping, it was clear that visibility to south is sufficient, and due to the traffic island next to the adjoining roundabout, visibility is also achievable to the north. Pedestrian visibility splays were provided in the plan, and these must be kept clear at all times.

Parking and Turning

Using Local Mapping, turning on-site does not look achievable. Therefore a reverse manoeuvre onto Grinstead Lane is required. Other dwellings nearby appear to have a similar arrangement to this, and inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the last five years reveals that there have been no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, a new vehicle cross-over at this property is not anticipated to exacerbate an existing safety concern.

Prior to this proposal, cars would have to be accommodated on-street. Using the WSCC Car Parking Demand Calculator, the property would expect a demand of 2 car parking spaces. The proposed hardstanding is large enough to accommodate 2 cars, meeting the demands of the property. This development is creating 2 new car parking spaces for the property, and therefore freeing up 2 parking spaces on the wider network.

Conclusion

The LHA does not consider that the proposal would have 'severe' impact on the operation of the Highway network, therefore is not contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 109), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, 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.

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