WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	19 May 2022
LOCATION:	39 Victoria Road, Shoreham-by-sea, BN43 5LA
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0347/22 Vehicle 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.

This proposal is for the creation of a new vehicular access with hardstanding. The site is located on Victoria Road, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) previously provided comments pertaining to highway matters for this site for similar application AWDM/0506/21, raising no highway safety concerns. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) refused the application on grounds unrelated to highways.

The applicant proposes a dropped kerb onto Victoria Road. The proposed vehicle crossover (VCO) will be subject to a licence obtained through the local Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local Highway Area Engineer. From inspection of the plans and local mapping, visibility at the proposed access appears suitable for the road speeds in this location.

Regarding parking, the proposed area of hardstanding is of sufficient size to allow for one off-street car parking space. On-site turning may not be achievable, so vehicles may have to exit the site in a reverse gear. However, the LHA does not anticipate that this would give rise to a severe safety concern, given the good forward visibility along Victoria Road in this location.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the nearby road network is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

In 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 111), 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:

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.
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/vehicle-crossover-dropped-kerb-construction-application-form/

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