

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Marie O'Keeffe
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	9 June 2026
LOCATION:	29 Southview Road, Southwick, BN42 4TW
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0489/26 Vehicle access and hardstanding, including the removal of front wall and pillar.
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 vehicle access and hardstanding. The site is located on Southview Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The applicant proposes a new vehicular crossover on to Southview Road. The proposed access works 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.

Whilst parking has been demonstrated, the plans do not reveal the exact measurements of the proposed parking area. WSCC Parking Guidance sets out minimum dimensions of 2.4 x 4.8m for a parking space. The applicant is advised to check that the proposed parking space meets the minimum dimensions, as if it does not then they may not be granted a license to implement the proposed vehicle crossover.

Notwithstanding the above, there are no apparent visibility issues at the proposed point of access onto Southview Road. An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded collisions attributed to road layout within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the nearby road network is currently operating unsafely.

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 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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