WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Rebekah Hincke
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	22 April 2024
LOCATION:	Office 1, 6 Farncombe Road, Worthing, BN11 2BE
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0017/24 New electrical meter kiosk on the south side of the building by the car park at the side of the building.
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.

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

The proposal seeks to create a new electrical meter kiosk within the car park of Offices at 6 Farncombe Road.

It is stated that the proposals do not affect the existing access or parking arrangements at the site.

The box is to be sited at the head of an existing parking bay, along the southern side of the building. The LHA would advise that whilst this parking space is in use, it may not be possible for the box to be accessed/maintained when necessary. It is not known how frequently the box will require access/maintenance, however it is not thought that this would be a frequent occurrence.

It is unclear whether the parking spaces are a first come first served arrangement however Farncombe Road is subject to parking restrictions which limits the availability of overspill parking. It appears that vehicles may have the ability to park informally or relocate temporarily within the carpark should this be required during maintenance/access periods.

The applicant may wish to consider relocating the box to an area that allows free access at all times, however it would not be considered a highways safety concern and more a matter of amenity.

The Local Highway Authority does not consider that the 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 115), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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