WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	19 August 2024
LOCATION:	70 First Avenue, Lancing, BN15 9QF
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1020/24 Removal of existing front boundary fence and construction of vehicular access with a dropped kerb.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information

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 Local Highways Authority requires additional information relating to the specific dimensions of the proposed hardstanding area. The applicant is advised to measure the available space and provide those details alongside the application.
WSCC offers detailed guidance on the required dimensions and placements of vehicular crossovers.

This guidance can be found on the WSCC website at:
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/20290/vco_guidance_notes.pdf

The minimum depth that will be considered for a hardstanding/ parking space is 4.8m, in the instance that a bay window is positioned at the ground floor level, this should be measured from the window. In the instance that a parking space will be positioned ahead of a Front door or a means of escape, this should be lengthened to 6m. Vehicles are not permitted to overhang onto the footway and obstruct the free flow of traffic or cause pedestrians to veer into carriageway.

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-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/

The applicant may wish to discuss their proposals with the Highway Licensing team directly, ahead of submitting the above requested information.

The driveway is to be constructed from gravel. The applicant should provide a gravel trap or area of block paving, or other bound material, at the point of access onto First Avenue (on land within the applicant's control; not within the publicly maintained highway) to prevent material being dispersed onto the public highway affecting the surface of the road.

Once the above has been actioned, please reconsult.

Jodie Wilkes
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