WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Jo Morin
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	3 July 2025
LOCATION:	11 Stone Lane Worthing West Sussex BN13 2BA
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0785/25 Vehicle access
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 the creation of a vehicle access. The site is located on Stone Lane, a C-classified road subject to a speed limit of 30mph.

The proposed access is to be 4.5m in width. The VCO must be constructed to a specification agreed with the WSCC Area Engineer – an informative is included below.

Visibility has not been demonstrated at the proposed access, however, an inspection of WSCC mapping indicates that the required minimum splays of 2.4 x 43m are achievable at the proposed access point, and are maintainable wholly within the public highway. The proposed driveway is to be constructed of a hardbound material and provides sufficient space for one vehicle to park off-street.

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 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following conditions and informative should be applied:

Access (Access to be provided prior to first occupation)
The use of the car parking space shall not take place until such time as the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the details shown on the approved site plan.
Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Car parking space (details approved)
The use of the access shall not take place until the car parking has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan. These spaces shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purpose.
Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use

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 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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