WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	14 March 2023
LOCATION:	196 Upper Shoreham Road Shoreham-by-sea West Sussex BN43 6BG
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0264/23 Proposed vehicular 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.

WSCC acting as the Local Highway's Authority (LHA) refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

Site Context & History
The access onto the application site is located on Upper Shoreham Road, an adopted public maintained highway.

The LHA would view said road to be set within an urban setting.

The said highway is subject to a 30-mph speed limit. No current speed survey data is located within a reasonable distance of the access that would state otherwise.

In terms of design parameters, the LHA consider the parameters of Manual for Streets (MfS) as guidance.

Access
The applicant has proposed a 4.3 metre wide VCO.

The applicant has provided pedestrian visibility splays. These should be located solely within land under the applicants control. The LHA notes that the applicant cannot achieve these due to site frontage constraints.

An inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the past five years reveals that there has been a recorded injury collision within the vicinity of the site; Sussex Police do not however consider this the result of the presence of the existing access or road layout. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest that the new access would operate unsafely.

With all the above considered, the LHA would not anticipate that the proposal would generate a highways safety concern at the proposed access.

Parking
The parking area proposed is large enough to accommodate 1 car.

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.

The LHA advises the LPA that if they are mindful to permit the above application than to attach the following conditions and informative:

Conditions
Access
The use of the parking area shall not commence until the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan.

Reason: In the interests of carriageway safety.

Car Parking

The use of the access shall not commence until such time as the parking area has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan. These spaces shall always thereafter be kept for their designated purpose.

Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use

Informative
Vehicle Crossover License – WSCC Local Area Office
The Local Highways Authority (LHA) advises the applicant 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 the permission of a Vehicle Crossover (VCO) licence.

Please call 01243 642105.

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