West Sussex County Council - Planning Consultation Response

To: Adur & Worthing Councils

Date: 23 November 2026

FAO: Hannah Barker

From: WSCC - Highways Authority

LPA Reference: AWDM/1295/26

Location: 14 Rectory Road, Shoreham-By-Sea, BN43 6EA

Proposal: Proposed dropped kerb to allow vehicular parking in front garden.

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 a proposed dropped kerb to allow vehicular parking in front garden. The site is located on Rectory Road, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph. The LHA previously provided consultation advice for this site for application AWDM/0978/26, raising no highway safety concerns. This Local Planning Authority (LPA) refused the application on grounds unrelated to highways.

The applicant proposes a new 4.8m wide vehicular access on to Rectory 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.

There are no apparent visibility concerns at the proposed point of access on to Rectory Road. In addition, the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed access exhibits suitable pedestrian visibility splays of 2m x 2m either side of the access.

From inspection of the plans, the proposed parking area is suitably sized for two cars. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit the site in reverse gear. However, this is not anticipated to give rise to an adverse highway safety impact, owing to good forward visibility in this location.

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 (in line with TR6 paragraph 4) 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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