WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO:Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	22 August 2022
LOCATION:	114 First Avenue Lancing BN15 9QE
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1358/22 Vehicle access and hardstanding
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.

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

This proposal is for construction of a crossover to serve the existing property. The site is located on First Avenue which is an unclassified road subject to 30mph speed limit.

Proposed access

The proposed VCO, as demonstrated on the proposed plan is approximately 4.2m wide. Any access works within the public highway must be implemented under licence obtained by WSCC Highways to a specification agreed with them.

Local mapping indicates that the access benefits from adequate visibility splays in each direction.

Data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over the period of the past five years reveals no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site, therefore there is no evidence to suggest that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The proposed driveway meets the minimum requirements of 2.4m x 4.8 m for single bay parking as outlined in Manual for Streets (MfS) guidance.

A turn on site would be preferable, enabling vehicles to exit onto the public highway in a forward gear, although it is acknowledged that this may not be achievable due to site constraints. Other properties with the immediate vicinity appear to operate with similar arrangements without any evidence of highway safety concern.

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.

Conditions

Access

The use of the access shall not commence until such time as the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the details shown on the Block Plan.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

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. 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/

Online applications can be made at the link below, alternatively please call 01243 642105.

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