

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Hannah Barker
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	28 August 2026
LOCATION:	14 Rectory Road, Shoreham-By-Sea, BN43 6EA
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0978/26 Proposed dropped kerb and permeable hardstanding to form driveway 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 and permeable hardstanding to form driveway in front garden. The site is located on Rectory Road, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The applicant proposes a new 4.8m wide vehicular access on to Rectory Road. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed point of access. In addition, the proposed access exhibits suitable pedestrian visibility splays of 2m x 2m either side of the access. 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.

The site frontage appears of suitable size to accommodate two car parking spaces. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to exit the site in a reverse gear. However, this is not anticipated to give rise to an adverse highway safety impact, owing to Rectory Road benefitting from good forward visibility in both directions.

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 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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