

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Peter Barnett
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	28/08/2026
LOCATION:	201 Old Shoreham Road, Southwick, BN42 4LS
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0939/26 Construction of a new dropped kerb and vehicle access to property. Existing grassed area will be replaced with permeable block paving.
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.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed construction of a new dropped kerb to facilitate access to off-street parking. The site is located on Old Shoreham Road, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 40 mph in this location.

From inspection of WSCC mapping, visibility at the proposed access point appears sufficient for the anticipated road speeds in this location. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to reverse out of the site – however, this would not be anticipated to give rise to a highway safety concern, owing to good forward visibility in this location. Vehicle accesses are commonplace along this section of road, and neighbouring properties operate similar access arrangements with no known highway safety concerns.

The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained from WSCC, and constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer. I attach a relevant informative note below.

In summary, 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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