WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Marie O'Keeffe
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	24 September 2021
LOCATION:	69 Crabtree Lane, Lancing, West Sussex
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1618/21 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.

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

The proposal seeks the implementation of a dropped crossing to serve what seems to be and existing hardstanding area fronting 69 Crabtree Lane Lancing.

Crabtree Lane is a 'C' classified road subject to a 30-mph speed limit.

Suitable vehicle visibility would be considered achievable using wholly land considered to be public highway.

Any access works on the public highway must be implemented under licence to a specification obtained from WSCC Highways.

The access will be in close proximity to a newly installed signalised pedestrian crossing point. It would be difficult to substantiate that this itself would be considered an unacceptable highway safety concern at the planning stage. However, this may result in the licence required to implement the vehicle crossing point ultimately being refused.

I have consulted with WSCC Area Highways on this matter and will provide additional comments in due course. It should be noted that this matter is not strictly a material planning consideration and therefore the application can be determined without it.

Notwithstanding the above the Local Highways Authority does not consider that the proposal would have and 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.

If the Local Planning Authority is minded to grant planning consent the following condition and informative note would be advised:

Conditions

Access

The use of the frontage vehicle parking area shall not commence until such time as the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the details shown on the drawing titled 'Dropped Kerb' and numbered 02002 Revision P1.
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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