WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Stephen Cantwell
FROM:	WSCC – Highway Authority
DATE:	7 May 2025
LOCATION:	Unit 1 North Block HM Revenues and Customs Barrington Road Worthing West Sussex
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0370/25 Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 14 (emergency access) of Application AWDM/1979/19.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a (visited at outline application stage)
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information Required

This is the WSCC Highways response to the above planning application seeking approval of Details Reserved by Condition 14 (emergency access) of Application AWDM/1979/19.

Response.
WSCC will need to know how the bollards will be locked in place. If it's using a padlock, then WSCC Fire and Rescue Service has confirmed that they can cut them off with bolt croppers to gain access in an emergency. However, what they don't want is having to identify which type of lock they have and if a Fire Service Key will fit to drop the bollard. If operated by a key it will need to be a standard Fire Service Key as they do not have the capacity to carry keys for different bollard types.

Additionally, while the emergency route (with suitable way to unlock any mechanism) is fine for the Fire Service as they have the equipment to remove the bollards, the Police and Ambulance Service do not, so would be restricted in gaining access if the main route is obstructed for any reason. It is recommended that the case officer consult both the Police and Ambulance services for their comments.

When available, please re-consult with the requested information to do with the locking mechanism for the bollards (i.e. type, method of locking/unlocking and whether the bollard simply is removable or folds down etc), whether they (the bollards) will be unlockable using a Fire Service Key, and with comments from the Police and Ambulance services.

Thank you.

Tim Townsend
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