WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Finlay Gardner
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	07/05/2024
LOCATION:	139 Dominion Road, Worthing, BN14 8LD
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0433/24 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.

This application seeks the installation of a vehicle crossover. The site is located on Dominion Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The applicant proposes a new vehicular access point on Dominion Road. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed point of access fronting the site. 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 proposed vehicle crossover will serve two off-street 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 in this location.

I do note that there is a telegraph pole located within the maintained highway boundary fronting the site, and it appears quite close to the proposed access point. The telegraph pole would need to be situated at least 1m from the top of the ramped kerb of the proposed crossover. If the telegraph pole is within 1m, it must be relocated at the expense of the applicant or written confirmation in advance of the application from the utility owner must be provided to confirm that they have no issue with the distance you are proposing. It is the responsibility of the applicant to liaise with the necessary parties to organise the relocation. Alternatively, the proposed access can be designed to ensure it is located at least 1m away from the telegraph pole.

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 115), 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:
http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/

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