WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	9 September 2021
LOCATION:	98 First Avenue, Lancing, BN15 9QE
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1294/21 Proposed vehicular access and hard surfacing
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 proposal is for the creation of a new vehicular access with hardstanding. The site is located on First Avenue, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The applicant proposes a 5.5m wide dropped kerb onto First Avenue. The proposed vehicle crossover (VCO) will be subject to a licence obtained through the local area office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local area engineer.

From inspection of the plans and local mapping, there are no apparent visibility issues with the proposed point of access on to First Avenue.

Regarding parking, the proposed area of hardstanding is of sufficient size to allow for 1-2 off-street car parking spaces. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so vehicles may have to exit the site in a reverse gear. However, the LHA does not anticipate that this would give rise to a highway safety concern, given the good forward visibility along First Avenue in this location. Neighbouring properties operate similar access arrangements with no apparent highway safety concerns.

In conclusion, 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 111), 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.

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.
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/vehicle-crossover-dropped-kerb-construction-application-form/

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