WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO:Marie O'Keeffe
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	9 November 2020
LOCATION:	The Cricketers 20 The Green Southwick West Sussex BN42 4GF
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1532/20 Conversion of existing parking area to south of site to extend beer garden, with timber fence to south and external festoon lighting affixed to 3m high poles to south and east
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 which include up to 5 residential units or extensions to single units accessed from roads that do not form part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). As such the comments provided by Local Development should be considered to be advice only, with respect to this planning application.

This proposal has been considered by means of a desktop study, using the information and plans submitted with this application, in conjunction with other available WSCC map information. A site visit can be arranged on request.

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

This proposal is for conversion of existing parking area to south of site to extend beer garden, with timber fence to south and external festoon lighting affixed to 3m high poles to south and east. The site is located on the corner plot between The Green (B-class) and The Twitten (unclassified road) both subject to 30mph speed restrictions.

Vehicular Access to the site is utilised via The Twitten. There are no proposed alterations to the existing vehicular access. An inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the past five years reveals that there have been no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. Therefore there is no evidence to suggest that the existing access is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The existing parking arrangement consists of 28 spaces. The proposal will result in a loss of two parking spaces. It would be difficult to substantiate that such a small shortfall in car parking would create a highway safety issue, however the LPA may wish to assess the potential impacts from an amenity perspective.

The site is situated in a sustainable area within short walking distance from Southwick train station.

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 109), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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