WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	29/08/2025
LOCATION:	30 Grinstead Lane, Lancing, BN15 9DY
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0941/25 Applying for a vehicle crossover 4m wide to allow us to use the front driveway.
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 construction of a 4m wide vehicle crossover to facilitate access to off-street parking. The site is located on Grinstead Lane, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph in this location.

The preceding application at this site, AWDM/0586/23, sought similar proposals to the current submission. WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) was a consultee for application AWDM/0586/23, raising no highway safety concerns. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) permitted the application.

For the current submission, the applicant proposes a new 4m wide dropped kerb to serve the site, accessed from Grinstead Lane. From inspection of the plans and WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility issues with the proposed point of access on to Grinstead Lane. The proposed works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local WSCC Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with a local WSCC Highway Area Engineer.

The proposed driveway appears of sufficient size to accommodate at least three car parking spaces. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so vehicles 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, owing to acceptable levels of visibility either side of the proposed access. Neighbouring properties operate similar access arrangements with no known highway safety concerns.

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 116), 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:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-network-permits-and-licences/highway-licences/west-sussex-county-council-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways/

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