WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	27 July 2021
LOCATION:	37 Western Road North, Sompting, BN15 9UX
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1275/21 Extension to existing 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 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 Strategic Planning 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.

This proposal is for the extension to existing vehicular access. The site is located on Western Road North, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) previously provided consultation advice for this site for application AWDM/0396/21, raising no highway safety concerns. The Planning Authority refused the application on grounds unrelated to highways.

The applicant proposes to widen the existing access from 2.8m to 5.5m. The proposed widening works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local area office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local area engineer.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC By Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded injury accidents attributed to road layout within the vicinity of the site. Therefor, there is no evidence to suggest the existing access is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern. The LHA appreciates that wider accesses tend to provide improved visibility either side of the access.

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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