WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Jackie Fox
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	05/11/2024
LOCATION:	Sompting Service Station, Sompting Avenue, Worthing, BN14 8HP
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1317/24 Outline Planning Application and Reserved matters for Petrol Station. Application to Vary Condition No. 3 of Previously approved AWDM/0115/16 which varied WB/0742/68. Amendment: to allow the use of the petrol filling station shop and forecourt pumps 24 hours every day.
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 Variation of Condition 3 of previously approved application AWDM/0115/16, to allow for the use of the petrol filling station shop and forecourt pumps 24-hours every day.

The preceding application AWDM/0115/16 sought earlier opening hours from 6am. WSCC in its capacity as Local Highway Authority (LHA) were consulted for this application, raising no objections to these proposals.

For the current submission, whilst the extended opening times will likely result in a material intensification of use of the existing access points, the LHA note that this will be outside of road network peak times and would not be anticipated to be a significant increase over what the site currently generates.

From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the existing points of access on Sompting Avenue. In addition, I have reviewed five-year collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police, and this reveals no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site attributed to the use of the existing vehicular access points. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the existing accesses have been operating unsafely or that the proposed change in opening times would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

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.

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