WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsey
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	15 December 2020
LOCATION:	9 Cross Road, Southwick, BN42 4HD
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1931/20 Formation of vehicular access to east of site with associated hardstanding,
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.

Summary
This proposal is for the formation of a vehicular access and associated hardstanding. The site is located on Cross Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph. WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) raises no highway safety concerns for this application, subject to the below comments.

Content
The applicant proposes a 3m wide vehicle crossover (VCO), which will be subject to a licence obtained through the local area office. The VCO would be constructed to a specification agreed with the local area engineer.

From inspection of local mapping, there are no apparent visibility issues at the proposed point of access onto Cross Road. The applicant has also demonstrated pedestrian visibility splays either side of the proposed access.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last five years reveals no recorded injury accidents within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest the nearby road network is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The proposed area of hardstanding will be of sufficient size for one off-street car parking space. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so vehicles may have to exit the site in a reverse gear. The LHA does not anticipate that this would give rise to a highway safety concern.

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.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following condition and informative should be applied:

Condition
Access
The use of the parking area shall not commence until the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Informative
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.
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