

From: **Steven Shaw**

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Subject: RE: AWD/1592/25 18 Tarring Road

To: Finlay Gardner

Cc: , Jodie Wilkes, Kyran Schneider

Good morning Finlay,

Thank you for your email in relation to planning application AWD/1592/25 at 18 Tarring Road. In Kyran's absence I have spoken to Jodie and we have discussed the proposals.

Based on the below images the available space from the properties wall (not including the extent the window cill or downpipe protrude from the wall) is 4.66m to the outer edge of the boundary wall. Medium to large estate cars range from approximately 4.6m to 4.9m in length. The window cill and downpipe reduce the available space further and there is a degree of room for error where a driver would leave an amount of space to the front of the vehicle, to ensure they do not strike the property. This is going to result in medium to larger vehicles over hanging onto the footway. Whilst smaller vehicles may be able to park within the extent of the property and not overhang the footway, it cannot be guaranteed that in perpetuity that only smaller vehicles will use the vehicle crossover.

It is noted that the footway on Tarring Road is relatively narrow and that because it provides a means of accessing Worthing railway station and provides a key east west corridor and a means of accessing the town centre, pedestrian footfall is high. The proposals could result in vehicles overhanging onto the footway, reducing the available space and forcing pedestrians to step out into the carriageway, which would be considered a road safety concern. More vulnerable road users would be more likely affected. This could include blind and partially sighted people who do not expect an obstruction on the footway, people pushing children in wheelchairs or buggies and people with mobility issues or those using a wheelchair. People in a wheelchair or pushing a pushchair may find it difficult to pass a vehicle overhanging onto the footway. Therefore the Highway Authority consider that the proposals do not accord with policy DM15 - Sustainable Transport & Active Travel of the Adur & Worthing Local Plan. Policy DM15 states that Adur & Worthing will promote development that prioritises active and sustainable travel by:

“... ii) ensuring that the design and layout of new development prioritises the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and users of public transport over ease of access by the motorist;”

These proposals do not prioritise the need of pedestrians and could compromise the safe movement of pedestrians along Tarring Road, especially vulnerable road users such as the young or those with a mobility issue. It should also be noted that given the tight access arrangements it is likely that a vehicle will have to undertake multiple movements to access and egress the space. Tarring Road is not lightly trafficked and other vehicles using this route may not anticipate a vehicle manoeuvring into a driveway in this location. The Highway Authority would therefore recommend that the application should be refused planning permission.

As well as planning permission the applicant would also require a highway licence for a vehicle crossover. We have approached the Highways Area Office, who issue these licenses, and they have advised that such a license would not be granted in this instance. This is because the minimum depth they would accept is 4.8m but also a 4.5m width dropped kerb is required and it does not appear that that can be achieved here. Therefore even if planning permission is obtained, it is extremely unlikely that a highway license would be granted to construct the vehicle crossover.

Is this email sufficient or do you want to formally reconsult us and us to provide formal comments?

Regards

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