WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Eve Hearsley
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	13 May 2024
LOCATION:	78 Penhill Road, Lancing, BN15 8HQ
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0560/24 Extend vehicle access.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

This proposal is for the vehicle access to be extended. The site is located on Penhill Road, a C-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The applicant proposes to extend the current vehicle access point by approximately 2 metres. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained through the local Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local Highway Area Engineer.

It is unclear from the plans provided how wide the existing access point, so it is unclear how wide the proposed access point will be once extended. The applicant should note that the absolute maximum width for a vehicle access point permitted by the Highway Area Office guidance is 6.4 metres. Therefore, the applicant is advised to check that the width of the access point does not exceed 6.4 metres with the proposed widening as it would be unlikely to be granted a license from the Area Office.

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.

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:
http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/

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