

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Jo Morin
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	09/09/2026
LOCATION:	38 Ivydore Avenue, Worthing, BN13 3JA
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0996/26 Proposed rear entrance door, platform and steps. Vehicle access and hardstanding to to south side of property for use in connection with residential dwelling.
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.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for a proposed new rear entrance door, platform and steps, with vehicle access and hardstanding. The site is located on Ivydore Avenue, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The proposals include a new 4.6m wide vehicle crossover on Ivydore Avenue, facilitating access to hardstanding for off-street parking. The applicant is advised that they will need to obtain a licence from WSCC to undertake the proposed works, and that the proposed crossover will be constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer.

From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed point of access on Ivydore Avenue. On-site turning does not appear achievable, so cars may have to reverse out of the site – however, this would not be anticipated to give rise to a highway safety concern, owing to good visibility either side of the proposed access, as well as good forward visibility along Ivydore Avenue.

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 116), 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:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-network-permits-and-licences/highway-licences/west-sussex-county-council-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways/>

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