WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Stephen Cantwell/Giles Holbrook
FROM:	WSCC – Highway Authority
DATE:	27 August 2026
LOCATION:	Unit 1 North Block Hm Revenues and Customs Barrington Road Worthing West Sussex
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0370/25 Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 14 (emergency access) of Application AWDM/1979/19. More information received on 13th August 2026.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a (desktop study undertaken)
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information Required

This is the second WSCC Highways response to the above planning application seeking approval of Details Reserved by Condition 14 (emergency access) of Application AWDM/1979/19.

Previous Highway Authority response.
In its previous response dated 7 May 2025, the Highway Authority WSCC asked how the bollards will be locked in place. If it's using a padlock, then WSCC Fire and Rescue Service has confirmed that they can cut them off with bolt croppers to gain access in an emergency. However, what they don't want is having to identify which type of lock they have and if a Fire Service Key will fit to drop the bollard. If operated by a key it will need to be a standard Fire Service Key as they do not have the capacity to carry keys for different bollard types.

Additionally, while the emergency route (with suitable way to unlock any mechanism) is fine for the Fire Service as they have the equipment to remove the bollards, the Police and Ambulance Service do not, so would be restricted in gaining access if the main route is obstructed for any reason. The Highway Authority then recommended that the case officer consult both the Police and Ambulance services for their comments.

The Highway Authority concluded by saying that when available, that the case officer re-consult the Highway Authority with the requested information to do with the locking mechanism for the bollards (i.e. type, method of locking/unlocking and whether the bollard simply is removable or folds down etc), whether they (the bollards) will be unlockable using a Fire Service Key, and with comments from the Police and Ambulance services.

Latest response.
Having examined the information submitted by the developer, Bellway Homes, the design shown is suited to a private residential car parking setting and NOT the setting which it is required for – i.e. emergency access. Therefore, it does not address the

Highway Authority's previous comments/concerns. Therefore, the comments above are still valid and the requested information is still required.

Please re-consult when new information is available to view – thank you.

Response ends.

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