WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Tom Westerman
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	30/09/2025
LOCATION:	27 Mulberry Lane, Worthing, BN12 4NR
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0824/25 Proposed vehicular access and 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.

This application seeks the construction of a vehicular access and hardstanding. The site is located on Mulberry Lane, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

From inspection of the plans and WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed point of access on Mulberry Lane. The proposed access works, including relocation of the existing sign and bollard, will be subject to a licence from WSCC, and constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer.

The proposed hardstanding appears suitably sized to accommodate at least two cars. On-site turning may not be achievable, so vehicles may have to exit in a reverse gear. However, this is not anticipated to give rise to an adverse highway safety impact in this location, owing to good vehicle visibility either side of the proposed access and good forward visibility for vehicles travelling along Mulberry Lane.

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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