

**WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTATION**

DATE: 19th September 2014

**FROM: Adam Charlton TO: Arun District Council
FAO: Mrs J Chapman**

SUBJECT: AW/226/14/HH - New drop kerb & vehicular access

The Twisted Pillar, 127, Aldwick Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 2NY

RECOMMENDATION:

Advice	☒	Modification	☐	More Information	☐
Objection	☐	No Objection	☐	Refusal	☐

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals which include up to 5 residential units or extensions to single units accessed from roads that do not form part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). As such the comments provided by Local Development should be considered to be advice only, with respect to this planning application.

This proposal has been considered by means of a desktop study, using the information and plans submitted with this application, in conjunction with other available WSCC map information. A site visit can be arranged on request.

The proposal is for a new access onto Aldwick Road. From an inspection of the plans alone, there is no apparent visibility issue at the point of access onto Aldwick Road. The application is part retrospective in that works commenced in Summer 2014. There are a number of similar "in-out" accesses nearby. From records immediately available to the Highway Authority only the access at 131 Aldwick Road has planning permission from 2002. There were no objections from the Highway Authority to this application. It is generally the Highway Authority's policy to not accept "in-out" accesses due to issues with internal movements, however with nearby properties operating with no recorded issues, the fact that Aldwick Road has a significant bus route, with local pinch points preventing vehicular traffic from flowing at its best rate creates a push factor in moving vehicles from on-street parking to off-street.

It should be noted that a licence to drop the kerb will should be sought by the applicants to WSCC Area Highways. Whilst this proposal is acceptable in terms of planning, the Area Office may refuse to grant a crossover licence.

The most recently available verified accident records reveal there have been no personal injury accidents in the vicinity of the existing point of access, indicating a low risk of highway safety issues with this proposal.

INFORMATIVE

The applicant is advised to contact the West Sussex Area Highways Officer covering the respective area (01243 642105) to obtain formal approval from the highway authority to carry out the site access works on the public highway.

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