

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO:Simon Davis
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	9 October 2019
LOCATION:	The Former Ship Inn Aldwick Street Aldwick PO21 3AP
SUBJECT:	AW/237/19/PL Application for variation of conditions imposed on planning reference AW/211/14/PL relating to condition 8 - delivery times & Condition 10 - delivery of goods serving the store in accordance to the Delivery Management Schedule. More information.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a / £ See below for breakdown.

Further to additional information received by the applicant WSCC has considered the proposed management of the car park whilst deliveries are in progress. Given the loading and unloading would take place off the highway this is not considered to impact on the safety or operation of the highway network. The existing on-street parking bays opposite the store could be used for additional car parking if available and double yellow lines are in situ along the southern boundary, to stop any unlawful parking behaviours.

The applicant has suggested some on-site customer parking may still be useable during deliveries and it will be determined by the individual responsible if these can be used safely. Whilst this practice is not uncommon at many local convenience stores, it should be noted that the existing visibility splays should not be compromised to allow the safe entry and exit of these vehicles.

It is anticipated that journeys on foot will make up a proportion of the trips associated with the store, which is supported by the proposed informal crossing point, as part of a package of 'off-site highway improvements' secured via a S278 agreement in the last 'm local' application.

Delivery times have been considered and although these could vary throughout the course of a year, generally the peak hours will be avoided. This should be included in the delivery management scheme and the LPA may wish to condition this scheme.

In all instances should a delivery get caught in traffic and arrive or depart when it would not be practical to use the car park; the applicant has shown that a vehicle can wait within the highway, albeit a tight manoeuvre, and the swept paths provided in drawing (B 104) evidence that two cars can pass each other when the HGV is stationed in this position.

The possibility of changes being made to the bay windows and porch on the existing building would need consideration under a separate proposal however; if these changes allowed for additional space in the highway for a formal servicing bay this would resolve issues surrounding the displaced car parking whilst deliveries are being made. Consideration regarding the impact the proposed servicing bay may have on other road users would need to be looked into but in principle it seems acceptable.

In summary the proposal to vary conditions imposed on planning reference AW/211/14/PL relating to condition 8 - delivery times & Condition 10 - delivery of goods serving the store in accordance to the Delivery Management Schedule can be approved and discharged.

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