

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Richard Sherman
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	28 October 2021
LOCATION:	23 Hawkins Close Aldwick PO21 3LW
SUBJECT:	AW/270/21/HH Installation of a drop kerb to 23 and 25 Hawkins Close
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 is for the installation of a shared drop kerb serving two properties. The site is located on Hawkins Close, an un-classified road subject to a speed limit 30mph.

The proposed plans demonstrate that a new 6m wide vehicle crossover (VCO) will be provided to serve both 23 and 25 Hawkins Close. The proposed VCO will cross through the tapered end of the existing layby. The applicant should be aware that any access works would be subject to a licence from the WSCC Area Engineer and must be constructed to a specification agreed with them.

The proposed plans demonstrate visibility at the proposed new access. However these do not appear to have been drawn to WSCC standards. From an inspection of WSCC mapping it appears that visibility is sufficient in this location. Given the no-through nature of Hawkins Close, the presence of on-street parking and the proximity of the site to the junction with Anson Road, vehicles are not anticipated to be travelling at the posted speed limit in this location.

The LHA note that the site is within close proximity to Rose Green Infant School and as such there would be benefit to the provision of pedestrian visibility splays in this location. Whilst the LHA appreciate that it is not possible to provide full 2 x 2m splays on either side of each driveway, the applicant is advised to consider providing a 2 x 2m pedestrian visibility splay to the west of the driveway for 23 and to the east of the driveway for 25 Hawkins Close. Any boundary treatment or planting within these splays should be kept to a maximum height of 0.6m to ensure visibility of pedestrians on the footway.

The proposed plans do not demonstrate the parking layout for the site, however there appears to be sufficient space on the site frontage for 1 car per dwelling to park. A turn on site would be preferred, however due to the site constraints this would not be achievable. Nearby properties within Anson Road appear to operate similar arrangements without evidence of highway safety concern.

Conclusion

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 111), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following conditions and informative should be applied:

Conditions
Access

The use of the car parking spaces shall not commence until such time as the vehicular access has been constructed in accordance with the details shown on the drawing titled Crossover Plan.
Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Car Parking Space

The use of the access shall not commence until such time as the parking area has been constructed in accordance with plans and details to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These spaces shall thereafter be retained at all times for their designated purpose.

Reason: To provide car-parking space for the use

Informative

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. Additional information about the licence application process can be found at the following web page:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-f-or-driveways-licence/>

Online applications can be made at the link below, alternatively please call [REDACTED]

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