

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO:Mr F Gardner
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	20 December 2019
LOCATION:	13 Water Lane Littlehampton BN16 4EJ
SUBJECT:	A/167/19/HH Dropped kerb to front of property.
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 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.

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

This proposal is for dropped kerb in front of the property. It is located and accessed via Water Lane which is a C-classified road subject to 20mph speed limit at this point.

The proposed plans demonstrate visibility splays at the proposed access; however, they have not been demonstrated in accordance with the principles of Manual for Streets. The Local Highways Authority is however mindful that this application, in principle, seeks to widens an existing crossover. As a result, no intensification of use is anticipated to occur.

Data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over the period of the past five years, reveals no recorded injury accidents within the site vicinity, therefore there is no evidence to suggest that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

The proposed vehicle crossover (VCO) is approximately 7.3m wide. Typically, the most allowable VCO width is 6.4m, therefore I have consulted the WSCC Highways Area Manager who has provided the following comments:

'I think it would be sensible to join the dropped kerb with the existing dropped kerb serving number 12, otherwise there will be a very small section of full height kerb that is not long enough to allow a vehicle to park without obstructing the accesses of both 12 and 13. I would appreciate if that could be added in, but we could pick it up when we issue the licence for the works.'

Any access works onto the public highway must be constructed under a licence obtained by WSCC Highways to a specification agreed with them.

The proposed hardstanding area can accommodate one vehicle.

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

If the LPA are minded to approve this application, the following condition and informative are advised.

Condition

Access

The use of the access shall not commence until such time as the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the details shown on the drawings titled 'Section of existing kerb to be lowered for access to off street parking'.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

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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