

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Amy Myer
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	11 November 2021
LOCATION:	Willmington Arundel Road Littlehampton BN16 4ET
SUBJECT:	A/227/21/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved (except access) for the erection of 7 No residential dwellings, vehicular & pedestrian access. This application is a Departure from the Development Plan.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	n/a

West Sussex County Council (WSCC), in its capacity as Local Highway Authority (LHA), have been consulted on outline planning application A/227/21/OUT, with regards to any highway safety or capacity concerns. The above application is for outline planning permission only and Highway comments / advice covers consideration of access for the proposal. The application is supported by way of a Transport Statement (TS). access.

Access

The site is situated along Arundel Road which is subject to national speed limit of 60mph, although this changes to 30mph a very short distance to the south. The site is currently occupied by a single dwelling 'Wilmington' with associated garden. Vehicular access into this building is currently taken in the form of a gated driveway which is around 5 metres wide. Pedestrian access into the building is via a gated access adjacent to the building.

The proposed access arrangements are shown on Drawing 2021-6307-001, within the submitted Transport Statement. This includes the existing vehicular access to be closed off and a new vehicular access is taken from the location of the existing pedestrian access. A simple bellmouth priority junction 4.8 metre wide supported by 6.0 corner radii with tactile paving is proposed. This is to facilitate vehicles and pedestrian movements, in line with DMRB CD123 design requirements. A shared surface arrangement is considered appropriate for lightly trafficked access.

Visibility

Visibility from the site access has been considered in line with the visibility requirements for the adjacent permitted development A/122/19/OUT. The transport assessment for planning application A/122/19/OUT identifies 85th percentile design speeds of 37mph. Drawing 2021-6307-001 within TS demonstrates maximum achievable visibility splays of 82.5m to the south and 107.5m to the north.

Visibility splays in both directions are in excess of the requirement 59 metre as per Manual for Street (MfS) requirements for a 37mph Design Speed.

Personal Injury Accident (PIA) Data

WSCC's online record for road traffic collisions have been interrogated. This reveals there have been three incidents of 'slight' injury category near to the A27 junction, away from the site. However, there has been no incident recorded near to the existing site access, which indicates the site access has been operating in a safe manner in its present form.

Swept Path Analysis

Swept path analysis have been carried out for various vehicles accessing the development, including an estate car, large refuse freighter, fire tender and a large pumping vehicle. The analysis have shown that the vehicles can enter the development and turn around within the site using the turning heads and exist in forward gear.

Conclusion

In light of the scale of the development, the form of access is in principle acceptable. The Local Highway Authority (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 (NPPF), paragraphs 110 -113, as revised 20th July 2021. Therefore, there are no transport grounds to resist this proposal.

If the Local Planning Authority (LPA) mind to approve the application, the following conditions should be applied:

CONDITIONS

Access

No part of the development shall be occupied until such time as the vehicular access serving the development has been constructed in accordance with the details approved by the LPA.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Section 278 Agreement of the 1980 Highways Act - Works within the Highway

The applicant is advised to enter into an S278 legal agreement with West Sussex County Council, as Highway Authority, to cover the off-site highway works. As part of these works it will also be necessary to apply for a street works license from the Street Works team

████████████████████ The applicant is requested to contact The Implementation Team Leader ██████████ to commence the S278 process. The applicant is advised that it is an offence to undertake any works within the highway prior to the agreement being in place.

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