

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Amber Willard
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	30 October 2019
LOCATION:	181 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 5AF
SUBJECT:	BR/262/19/HH Pavement crossing and dropped kerb.
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 Strategic Planning 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.

Summary

This proposal is for the creation of a dropped kerb. The site is located on Chichester Road, a B-classified road subject to a speed limit of 30 mph.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) was consulted on a similar application for a nearby property under application BR/60/17/HH, raising no highways concerns. This application was permitted by the planning authority.

Content

The proposed dropped kerb is to be 4.5m in width and will serve an existing block paved driveway. The dropped kerb would be subject to a licence obtained from the Local Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the Local Area Engineer.

An inspection of collision data provided to WSCC by Sussex Police from a period of the last 5 years reveals no recorded injury accidents attributed to road layout within the vicinity of the site. Therefore there is no evidence to suggest the nearby road network is operating unsafely or that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

Visibility from the site onto Chichester Road appears sufficient in both directions. The driveway is of sufficient size for 1 car parking space that meets the minimum specifications for single car bays of 2.4m x 4.8m as set out in Manual for Streets (MfS).

On-site turning will not be achievable, so vehicles may have to exit the site in a reverse gear. However, Chichester Road has good forward visibility and neighbouring properties appear to operate similar arrangements with no known safety concerns.

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 the application, the following informative should be applied:

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 01243 642105.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-crossovers-f-or-driveways-licence/vehicle-crossover-dropped-kerb-construction-application-form/>

Kyran Schneider
West Sussex County Council – Planning Services