

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO:Miss Z Toppin
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	23 December 2020
LOCATION:	79 Arundel Road Littlehampton BN17 7DE
SUBJECT:	LU/311/20/HH Drop kerb 3 metre wide to enable off road parking for one car.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice I
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 construction of dropped kerb to serve the existing property. The site is located on Arundel Road which is an A-classified road subject to 30mph speed limit.

The proposed vehicle crossover (VCO) at the adjoining point with the carriageway is approximately 3.3m wide. The proposed VCO must be implemented under licence to a specification obtained from WSCC Highways.

The applicant has demonstrated visibility splays at the proposed access using 2.4m 'X' distance, however splays seem to intersect with third party ownership. Local mapping indicates that splays drawn at 2m 'X' distance would be sufficient for the posted speed limit. The access point benefits of good forward visibility.

An inspection of data supplied to WSCC by Sussex Police over a period of the past five years reveals that there have been no recorded injury accidents within the immediate vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest that the proposal would exacerbate an existing safety concern.

There is insufficient depth within the front garden to form a parking space. The depth of the frontage from the house to the back edge of the footway is approximately 4 metres, which is below the standard car parking bay depth of 4.8 metres, resulting in vehicles overhanging the footway to the detriment of pedestrian safety.

There is also insufficient space for a parallel park to the street. MFS in paragraph 8.3.48 states that "...each vehicle will typically need an area of about 2 m wide and 6 m long" for such an arrangement.

The applicant should be aware that any vehicle overhanging the footway/highway would constitute illegal parking which could be dealt with as an offence under Section 22 Road Traffic Act 1988 (leaving vehicles in a dangerous position on the road including verge) and Section 137 Highways Act 1980 (wilful obstruction of the free passage along a highway). Both of these acts are enforceable by Sussex Police.

Conclusion

A licence will be required for the proposed access works and must be constructed to a specification agreed with the Local Highway Engineer. Whilst, the LHA does not raise any highway safety objection, the applicant should be aware that the Local Highway Engineer is unlikely to grant a licence for substandard parking space area or parallel parking, as stated in their guidance.

Access Condition:

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 approved site plan.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Informative

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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