

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Arun District Council FAO: Amber Willard
FROM:	WSCC - Highways Authority
DATE:	17 February 2021
LOCATION:	14 East Bank North End Road Yapton BN18 0DJ
SUBJECT:	Y/7/21/HH Would like to apply to have a 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 Planning Services 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.

Site Background

The proposal is for the construction of a Vehicle Crossover (VCO).

The application site is located on Northend Road a publicly maintained, 'B' classified road subject to a 30-mph speed limit. As a result, the Local Highways Authority (LHA) will refer to Manual for Streets (MfS) as guidance.

Previously the Local Highways Authority (LHA) received consultation on matters at this location, under application Y/121/20. The LHA advised the following details are to be provided, Visibility and Access width, however these details were not received and subsequently the LPA refused the planning application on lack of details.

Access

The LHA wish to state that VCO's normally are wider at the kerbside and taper back towards the driveway to assist in ease of access. Details for this however can be secured via a suitably worded condition.

The applicant has provided vehicle visibility for the proposed. However, these details have been demonstrated incorrectly. This said, MfS guidance states that, Vehicle exits at the back edge of the footway mean that emerging drivers will have to take account of people on the footway. The absence of wide visibility splays at minor accesses will encourage drivers to appear more cautiously - similarly, to how vehicles pull out when

visibility along the carriageway is restricted. Following this guidance, the LHA raises no concerns over the lack of the details.

The LHA appreciate that the proposal could see the removal of up to 3 cars from the highway, in an area that currently has on street parking pressures.

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 collisions within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest that the new access would operate unsafely.

With all the above considered, the LHA would not anticipate that the proposal would generate a highways safety concern at the proposed access.

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.

The LHA advises the LPA that if they are mindful to permit the above application than to attach the following conditions and informative:

Conditions

Access

The use of the car parking space(s) shall not commence until the vehicular access has been constructed in accordance with plans and details **to be** submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of road safety.

Informative

Vehicle Crossover – Minor Highway Works

The Local Highways Authority (LHA) advises the applicant 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 the permission of a Vehicle Crossover (VCO) licence.

Please see the following link on details pertaining to the licence application process:

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

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

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