WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Shazia Penne
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	14/05/2024
LOCATION:	8 Heatherlands, Storrington, RH20 3NE
SUBJECT:	DC/24/0651 Widening of existing driveway including extension of dropped kerb and erection of fence to the southern boundary
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.

This application seeks the widening of existing vehicular access and driveway. The site is located on Heatherlands, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph in this location.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LPA) previously provided consultation advice for this site for similar application DC/23/1338, raising no highway safety concerns. The Local Planning Authority (LPA) permitted the application.

From inspection of the plans, the proposals appear not too dissimilar from the previous permitted application at this site. The applicant proposes to widen an existing vehicular access to approximately 6.2m. No concerns are raised from a highway safety point of view to the proposed widening of the existing access. The widened driveway will facilitate a second off-street car parking space to serve the host dwelling.

The proposed access works would be subject to a Vehicle Crossover (VCO) licence obtained through the local Highway Area Office and constructed to a specification agreed with the local Highway Area Engineer.

In 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 115), 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 because the highway license process considers wider factors than are considered by the Highway Authority at planning stage.

Additional information about the licence application process can be found at the following web page:
http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways-licence/

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