

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	West Sussex County Council - FAO: James Neave
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	25 March 2024
LOCATION:	Land to the west of Mannings Heath Wastewater Treatment Works, Gaggle Wood, Mannings Heath, Horsham
SUBJECT:	WSCC/042/23 Construction and operation of a sewer network pipe-bridge and retrospective planning permission for the temporary widening and use of a vehicle access onto the A281 Brighton Road. Revised documents received. More information received from James Neave's email on 4th of March 2024. DEPARTURE FROM STANDARD RECEIVED
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

West Sussex County Council, in its capacity as Local Highway Authority (LHA), have been re-consulted on proposals for sewer pipe bridge and temporary widening of vehicle access to A281 (including construction compound).

In comments dated 11 March 2024 the LHA requested further information and amendments to the submitted Departure from Standards (DfS) form with regards to the demonstrated vehicular visibility splay in the trailing direction.

An amended compound access plan has been provided which details a visibility splay of 2.4m by 120m in the trailing direction (to a 1m offset from the kerb edge). 120m is the standard, as set out in Design Manual for Roads & Bridges (DMRB), for 40mph road. The splay for the posted 50mph limit (160m) is also shown, though this passes through third party land and obscured by hedges/greenery. The accompanying DfS forms details that the hedges within the 120m splay will be kept trimmed down (no greater than 600mm). It also points out that double white lines in centre of road will discourage vehicles from overtaking in this location (and thus being outside of visibility envelope), that the access is temporary in nature and that the submitted Construction Management Plan (CMP) details a commitment to safeguard road users via use of traffic marshal to supervise all manoeuvres to and from the public highway.

The DfS has been reviewed and agreed through a two stage sign off process within the LHA (engineers from Highways Agreements and Highways Projects teams). The LHA agree that the temporary nature of the access, the maintenance of the splay, double white lines on Brighton Road and measures in the CMP (traffic marshal supervising manoeuvres) are acceptable mitigation measures to allow the use of the access during construction period.

The applicant is advised to contact the Area Office to discuss licence requirement for removal/extension of existing dropped kerb.

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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-for-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-for-driveways-licence/vehicle-crossover-dropped-kerb-construction-application-form/>

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