

No highway objections in principle subject to the access being formed prior to any other operations taking place and being provided with 2.4m x 25m visibility sightlines in each direction to Woodcutters ways, any splays being measured up to 1m in from the nearside carriageway edge at any point, and the area in advance of the sightlines being maintained free from any obstructions to visibility over 900mm high (relative to the nearside carriageway channel level) for the life of the development.

A condition securing the on-site car parking, in accordance with the application drawings, and remaining free from any impediment to its designated use should also be included in any consent issued.

I would be further grateful if the following advisory notes could also be included in any decision notice, to assist the developer:

Planning permission does not give you approval to work on the public highway. To carry works associated with this planning permission(new access), separate approval must first be obtained from Derbyshire County Council as Highway Authority - this will take the form of a section 184 licence (Highways Act 1980). It is strongly recommended that you make contact with the County Council at the earliest opportunity to allow time for the process to be completed. Information and relevant application forms, regarding the undertaking of access works within highway limits, are available via the County Council's website www.derbyshire.gov.uk, email highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk or telephone 01629 533190.

Where the site curtilage slopes down towards the public highway provisions within Section 163 of the Highways Act 1980 requires measures to be taken to ensure that surface water run-off from within the site is not permitted to discharge across the footway margin. This usually takes the form of a dished channel or gulley laid across the access immediately behind the back edge of the highway, discharging to a drain or soakaway within the site.

The Highway Authority recommends that the first 5m of the proposed access / driveway should not be surfaced with a loose material (i.e. unbound chippings or gravel, etc.). In the event that loose material is transferred to the highway and is regarded as a hazard or nuisance to highway users, the Authority reserves the right to take any necessary action against the landowner.

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