

Highway Response

Ref: 25/0450

Date: 11/08/25

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE TO RESIDENTIAL, ERECTION OF FENCING AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS (RETROSPECTIVE)

SITE: 10 Japonica Close Newport NP20 6JQ

Case Officer: Ben Webster

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Highway recommendation:

Objection on highway safety grounds.

Highway Comments:

The drive is too wide to be supported. At 7.3m width it is the equivalent of a major highway width. In order to use it lawfully it is necessary to widen the footway crossover (dropped kerbs) However we would not support anything wider than a double width crossing. The crossings prejudice pedestrians and those with disabilities so must be kept to a minimum width needed.

In addition, the drive has no pedestrian visibility splays. These should be provided as 2m by 2m at 600mm height for pedestrian safety.

For the avoidance of doubt, Highways would not object to a double drive with appropriate footway crossing. This could be achieved by adding a low wall or other obstacle on the frontage, reducing the entrance width and centralising it.