

Highway Response

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PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SECURITY FENCING TO SITE PERIMETER WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS GATES, INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLER TANKS, PUMP HOUSE, HOUSED GENERATOR AND INSTALLATION OF EXTERNAL AIR HANDLING EQUIPMENT

SITE: 7 Decoypool Road St Modwen Park Newport South Wales NP19 4RG

Case Officer: Francesca Sanders

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Highway recommendation:

No objection in principle, subject to minor amendments.

Highway Comments:

The proposed car access is now shown as 8m wide at the gates, with large radius kerbs creating a very wide crossing for pedestrians. In addition, there is access control within the bell mouth. The gates are now shown as sliding gates.

It is assumed that "access control" refers to a card reader or intercom system, but no detail is provided.

. As previously advised, we would expect vehicles to stop in a position where they do not obstruct pedestrians. To garner highways' support therefore the "access control" must be positioned to draw cars awaiting entry up to the gates, which must be 5m behind the back of footway.

In addition, for pedestrian safety the radius should be minimal (around 4m) and the carriageway width just sufficient for movement. Detail of the "access control" is needed to ensure there are no visibility issues, but we would also expect a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the crossing where pedestrians could wait.

In summary, the access is considered prejudicial to pedestrian movements and therefore raises objections, but these could easily be addressed with more appropriate design.