

Highway Response

Ref: 25/0873

Date: 03/10/25

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED RAISED CAR PARKING SPACES

SITE: 60 Bassaleg Road Newport NP20 3PY

Case Officer: Jonathan Jones

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Highway recommendation:

Excessive width and unlawful use resulting in an objection.

Highway Comments:

The new drive has been added without closing off the original drive it is not a replacement. This results in three spaces and the need for extensive footway crossing which has not been installed (based on June 25 Google image).

It is not clear how deep the drive is, but it appears to be intended for a caravan. Whilst this raises no objection in principle, additional length is needed.

Again, the image shows the caravan unlawfully overhanging footway. Cones do not negate this but add to the obstruction offence and hazard to other road users.

Without a crossing (dropped kerbs) it is unlawful to cross the footway under highway law. The temporary ramps are also unlawful and cannot be placed in highway. Highway will not support such a wide crossing due to the loss of parking and impact on disabled road users.

To garner highways' support it would be necessary to close the existing drive or narrow the new drive to leave only a double width drive. This would have to be permanent and could be a simple dwarf wall at the boundary. A footway crossing must then be installed (see below). If it is intended to use it for a caravan it will have to be deeper.

In conclusion the development results in multiple highway offences, so cannot be supported and could result in highway authority enforcement action, which is separate and independent of planning enforcement.

Informative notes:

It is an offence to carry out any works within the public highway without permission of the Highway Authority. This consent requires the construction, improvement or alteration of an access to the public highway. Under Section 184 of the Highways Act 1980 the Highway Authority must specify the works to be carried out and only the Highway Authority or contractor approved by the Highway Authority can carry out the works. Therefore prior to commencing any works that affect the access you must contact the Council's Highway Maintenance Team for further details.