

Highway Response

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PROPOSAL: PROPOSED VEHICULAR ACCESS/DROPPED KERB AND OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO CREATE A RAISED PLATFORM (WITH RETAINING WALL AND RAILING) AND DRIVEWAY

SITE: 229 Waltwood Road Llanmartin Newport NP18 2EY

Case Officer: Grant Hawkins

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Highway recommendation:

Objection, pending amended detail.

Highway Comments:

There are no objections to the principle of off-road parking with a footway crossing for access. However, the design and dimensions are not appropriate.

A standard footway crossing is 2.7m wide (plus 1.8m of transition kerbs). A drive should be 2.4m wide, but additional width is acceptable for safe movement around the vehicle. The entire width however should have 5.5m depth. This additional depth is required when parking up to a railing/wall and is to ensure vehicles do not overhang footway.

The site allows a compliant parking bay which must be surfaced with bound permeable material, but the proposals are excessively wide. Part of the drive is not long enough, and wide crossings reduce the available space for parking and are prejudicial to those with certain disabilities, so cannot be supported.

Subject to some amendment Highways could support the proposal.

The applicant should note that separate licence is needed to work on the highway. This is independent of planning and needed prior to lawful use of the drive.