

Highway Response

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PROPOSAL: REMOVAL OF EXISTING DRIVEWAY PAVING AND RELAY NEW CONCRETE IN-PRINT PAVING, REPOSITIONING OF EXISTING STONE PIERS ON ENTRANCE TO ALLOW A WIDER OPENING, NEW FRONT GATES, PATIO AREA AND LANDSCAPING (RETROSPECTIVE)

SITE: 46 Caerau Road Newport South Wales NP20 4HH

Case Officer: Catherine Aldous

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Highway recommendation:

Not supported.

Highway Comments:

In terms of materials, highways would require permeable surfacing, however the use of suitable soak aways could address this issue.

With respect to the walls and gates, we note that the existing arrangement provides zero pedestrian visibility and adequate width to enter/leave. We also note the use of multiple access points without any reason. This cannot be supported, as it impacts highway safety and reduces on street parking availability.

Whilst the applicant could retain the original arrangement, and resurface the drive, Highways consider that any changes to the access trigger the need to incorporate proportionate improvements to pedestrian safety. Instead, the drives are made wider, simply allowing higher approach speeds, and reducing on street parking further.

The proposals are considered detrimental to highway safety, when improvements should have been proposed. If it is considered necessary to retain the wall/appearance it should be recessed to provide the gates further into the site. This improves safety for vehicle users and pedestrians. It allows vehicles to stop without impeding vehicles or pedestrians and provides inter-visibility between exiting vehicles and pedestrians.