

Highway Response

Ref: 26/0318

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PROPOSAL: EXTEND EXISTING DRIVEWAY AND ASSOCIATED ALTERATIONS INCLUDING ERECTION OF FRONT BOUNDARY

WALLSITE: 48 Pillmawr Road Newport NP20 6WG

Case Officer: Ben Webster

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Highway recommendation:

Objection.

Highway Comments:

The application follows the refused 25/0796 application and is an improved proposal. It now includes drainage and appropriate surface material. It is also narrowed but still wider than it should be. The key issue however is that the pedestrian visibility has not been improved.

The applicant suggests that there is an improvement, but a wider drive is likely to mean more movements and increased speeds. It is not an improvement in terms of public safety.

The boundary wall is described as a reasonable height, however the drawings indicate it is in excess of 1.7m adjacent to the drive. The visibility standard is based on the height of a child able to walk (600mm). This proposal exceeds the requirements for pedestrian visibility and vehicular visibility. It should be noted that the driver's eye height is 1.05m (average applied for visibility purposes). The driver will not be able to see anything until the vehicle has crossed the footway.

We note that the existing wall was high, but cannot support the application unless visibility/safety is improved. Applications can only be supported if they are compliant or show some betterment.