

Planning Statement – Driveway Widening at 4 Allt-yr-yn Avenue, Newport

This statement accompanies a householder planning application for the proposed widening of the existing driveway at the above address, located within the Allt-yr-yn area of Newport.

1. Purpose of the Proposal

The primary aim of the works is to improve visibility and ensure safer access for vehicles entering and exiting the property. Due to frequent on-street parking along Allt-yr-yn Avenue, vans and large SUV's often stop directly outside the dwelling, restricting sight lines in both directions. This creates a significant safety concern for the occupants when pulling out onto the carriageway and contributes to congestion along this section of the road.

Widening the driveway will stop vehicles parking outside the property, reducing the need to edge out into the road and thereby improving highway safety in accordance with Newport City Council's Local Development Plan policies relating to safe access and visibility.

2. Access Arrangement

While the width of the driveway will increase, the existing exit point onto Allt-yr-yn Avenue will be retained. This location provides the safest and clearest point of access, as it is positioned away from the mature street tree and existing road signage nearby. Relocating the exit would place vehicles closer to these features and further reduce visibility, so maintaining the current access point is the most appropriate solution from a safety perspective.

3. Design and Impact

The proposal does not require the removal of any trees, hedges, or public signage, and does not encroach upon the public footway. All works are contained within the property boundary. The appearance of the frontage will remain in keeping with the surrounding residential character, and the works will not alter the established street scene.

Materials used will be consistent with local residential driveways, ensuring a neutral and unobtrusive visual impact.

4. Conclusion

The proposed widening of the driveway is a modest and practical improvement that directly addresses current visibility and safety issues caused by on-street parking. By retaining the existing exit point and ensuring all works are contained within the site, the proposal provides a balanced, proportionate, and policy-aligned solution.

The applicant respectfully requests that Newport City Council supports this application in the interest of improved highway safety and efficient access.