Highway Development Control Consultation Response

Planning Application Ref: PL/2023/05038

Site Address: Lovett Farmhouse, Little Somerford, Chippenham, SN15 5BP.

Proposal: New Field Access.

Date of Consultation Response: 18/07/2023
I refer to the above planning application dated 22/06/2023 seeking permission for a new field access.

The site is located with existing access onto the B4042, a classified section of public highway subject to a speed limit of 50mph. It is proposed to relocate the access to the east of the field onto Swindon Road a C classified section of public highway subject to a speed limit of 60mph and a single lane track with passing places.

The proposal seeks to place an access within the initial section of the road where there is local widening allowing a passing place. It would appear that the access gate would be set back from the public highway within the curtilage, this gate should open inwards, and the access should have a consolidated surface for the first 5m to prevent obstruction of and loose materials within the public highway respectively. Therefore, I would not wish to raise an objection with regard to highways subject to the following conditions and informative:

SURFACING
The development hereby permitted shall not be first brought into use/occupied until the first 5m of the access, measured from the edge of the carriageway and/or whole of the parking area, has been consolidated and surfaced (not loose stone or gravel). The access shall be maintained as such thereafter.
REASON: In the interests of highway safety

GATES
Any gates shall be set back 5m from the edge of the carriageway, such gates to open inwards only.
REASON: In the interests of highway safety.

STOP UP EXISTING ACCESS.
No development shall commence on site until details of the stopping up of all existing accesses, both pedestrian and vehicular, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. That stopping up shall take place in accordance with the approved details within one month of the first occupation of the development. No later than one month after the first occupation of the development, the sole means of vehicular and pedestrian access to the development shall be as shown on the plans hereby approved.
REASON: In the interests of highway safety.

INFORMATIVE
The proposal includes alteration to the public highway, consent hereby granted shall not be construed as authority to carry out works on the highway. The applicant is advised that a license will be required from Wiltshire's Highway Authority before any works are carried out on any footway, footpath, carriageway, verge or other land forming part of the highway. Please contact the vehicle access team on telephone 01225 713352 or email vehicleaccess@wiltshire.gov.uk for further details.

If you have any queries regarding the above advice, please contact:
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