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Fao Ms Julie Mitchell.

Ref 1: PL/2023/07906.
Ref 2: HD Comment WC-23-09-280801.

Julie Mitchell,

Please find enclosed my response to the Highways Department comments (ref 2) on my planning application (Ref 1).

I have also provided photographic evidence in support of my comments and would welcome a site visit so as to verify my planning application.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

David Smith

- Planning Application PL/2023/07906
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- Stance Object

Details

Information

Comments
Highways Department's Comment
Comment Number WC-23-09-280801

Text

Julie

I refer to the above planning application for the re-location of the existing 3 no. garage doors from the rear of the property to the front elevation, blocking up existing garage door openings and extending existing dropped kerb.

I understand the reason that the application has been submitted is that other residents park within the parking court in a way that makes it difficult for the applicant to access their garage spaces.

However, by creating access points to the garages directly from the carriageway side of the dwelling will result in conflict between vehicles crossing the footway and pedestrians using the footway.

There is not enough frontage to the property to enable adequate inter-pedestrian visibility to be achieved from vehicles existing the garage spaces (splays must be provided on both sides of each access to the rear of the existing footway based on co-ordinates of 2.4m x 2.4m). Vehicles would be either driving or reversing from the garage spaces with inadequate visibility of pedestrians walking along the footway in an area where there is a higher than average pedestrian footfall, especially of children as the site is adjacent to the Archer Primary School.

I therefore recommend that the application be refused on highway grounds for the following reason:

The site has insufficient frontage to enable access from the garages to be satisfactorily laid out incorporating the necessary inter-pedestrian visibility splays resulting in accesses which is considered unsafe.

Regards

Claire Covill
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28/09/2023

Planning Application: PL/2023/07906

Information

David Smiths Comment to Highways Department Comment.

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Para 2. I would like to clarify that the residents are parking within the areas allocated to them, and it is the area allowed for manoeuvring that is too small.

Para 3. Conflict already exists. See photos. 1

Para 4. When vehicles exit from the courtyard through the tunnel there is no visibility, to the right, due to a wall extending from my property to the rear of the public footpath. Consequently vehicles proceed forward until the driver is able to see past the end of the wall. By which time the vehicles front wheels are in the road. See photos 1, 2, 3.

Para 6. The proposed changes to my garages will not make any difference to the existing tunnel exit issue but it would provide me with usable garages and the visibility when exiting a garage will be far greater than that which exists at present. See photos 4 & 5.

At no time should a vehicle reverse <u>out</u> of a garage and onto the highway. Far to dangerous a manoeuvre. Always reverse <u>into</u> the garages.

KEY:
Photos 1 – 5. Assume to be vehicle driver.

Photo 1. RH View when immediately exiting tunnel.

Photo 2. LH View when immediately exiting tunnel.

Photo 3. RH View when level with rear of public footpath.

Photo 4. RH View when exiting proposed new garage door.

Photo 5. LH View when exiting proposed new garage door.



Photo 1 RH View



Photo 2 LH View



Photo 3 RH View having moved forward to clear wall.



Photo 4 RH View (New garage)



Photo 5 LH View (New garage)

Regards

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