Highway Development Control Consultation Response

Planning Application Ref: PL/2023/09051

Site Address: Manor Farm, Milbourne, Malmesbury, SN16 9JB.

Proposal: Creation of a new vehicular access for agricultural machinery and equipment.

Date of Consultation Response: 29/11/2023

I refer to the above planning application dated 30/10/2023 seeking permission for the creation of a new vehicular access for agricultural machinery and equipment.

The site is located adjacent to an unnamed C classified road subject to a speed limit of 60mph, there is an existing field access on the opposite side of the road where the proposed access is located. The access would be provided with gates set back from the public highway and a consolidated surface should be provided for the initial section of the access.

The provision of access in this location would require alterations to the public highway which will require a licence or permit for such works.

Visibility splays have been indicated which I do not believe can be achieved due to the presence of vegetation and the road alignment, however the access location is such that it would afford a similar level of visibility as the existing access to the south of the road. Given that the access is intended for agricultural purposes I do not feel that the use would be intensive and therefore would not request further detail with regard to the visibility splays. The setting back of the gated access and consolidated surface would provide refuge to prevent obstruction of the public highway.

Therefore, in relation to the proposals, I would not wish to raise a highways objection 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.

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:
HighwaysDevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk