

Highway Development Management Consultation Response

Planning Application Ref: PL/2025/09445

Site Address: 5 Whitehill Lane, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, SN4 7DA.

Proposal: Dropped Kerb.

Date of Consultation Response: 16/12/2025

I refer to the above planning application dated 04/12/2025 seeking permission for a dropped kerb.

The site is located with shared access onto Whitehill Lane, a C classified section of public highway subject to a speed limit of 30mph. The proposals seek to provide a new point of access, separating the shared driveway, to the east of the existing. The access location is somewhat constrained due to the presence of a utilities box and cover within the footway at this point, it would be very important to also ensure that the existing gully highlighted on the plans would not be adversely affected by the position of the driveway or and detritus from the proposed driveway.

The proposals include a 1m permeable block paving section which connects to the adjacent footpath, this should be a depth of 2m as a minimum to ensure no loose material is tracked into the public highway. The driveway, by virtue of the footpath is set back some 2.4m which would enable the required visibility splay. The works to enable the provision of the driveway would require a licence or permit for working in the public highway.

The proposals for a separate driveway will be acceptable provided the consolidated surface can be extended, which can be covered by condition. It is therefore considered that no highway objection be raised subject to the following condition and informative:

SURFACING

The development hereby permitted shall not be first brought into use/occupied until the first 2m of the access, measured from the edge of the public highway, 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.

INFORMATIVE - VEHICLE CROSSOVERS

The application involves an extension to the existing/creation of a new vehicle access/dropped kerb. The consent hereby granted shall not be construed as authority to carry out works on the highway. The applicant is advised that a licence 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 our Vehicle Crossing Team on vehicleaccess@wiltshire.gov.uk and/or 01225 713352 or visit their website at <http://wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-streets> to make an application.

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