

Highway Development Management Consultation Response

Planning Application Ref: PL/2026/01307

Site Address: 13 Whitehill Lane, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, SN4 7SB.

Proposal: Proposed entrance wall and gates.

Date of Consultation Response: 19/03/2026

I refer to the above planning application dated 24/02/2026 seeking permission for the proposed entrance wall and gates.

The site is located with existing access from Whitehill Lane, a C classified section of public highway subject to a speed limit of 60mph. There are no proposals to alter the existing access with the public highway.

It is proposed to retain the existing dropped kerb access which abuts the highway boundary, the proposals do not specify if the existing access would be resurfaced, which would likely be a requirement given that there is only a concrete section of surfacing for approximately 1m from the running carriageway of Whitehill Lane. Any works to the public highway will require the applicant to obtain a licence/permit to carry out the works.

The proposed site plan shows 1.8m high walls linking to the existing hedgerow, this would not alter the existing visibility splays as they are set back 2m from the edge of carriageway. The gates are set back some 5.6m from the running carriageway enabling refuge for a single vehicle without obstruction of the public highway.

It is required that the initial 5m of the access with the public highway be surfaced with a consolidated material to ensure that no loose materials are tracked into the public highway.

The proposals are not considered to be of detriment to the surrounding public highway as they do not materially alter the existing situation and therefore it is recommended 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 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

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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