

Highway Development Control Consultation Response

Planning Application Ref: PL/2026/01336

Site Address: Oakley Farm, Bullocks Horn, Charlton, Malmesbury, SN16 9DZ.

Proposal: Construction of a new agricultural field entrance with a 12 ft (3.66 m) timber gate set 4.5 m back from the highway boundary.

Date of Consultation Response: 05/05/2026

I refer to the above planning application dated 05/03/2026 seeking permission for the construction of a new agricultural field entrance with a 12 ft (3.66 m) timber gate set 4.5 m back from the highway boundary. Further detail has been provided in regard to consolidated surface and visibility, for which I make the following additional observations.

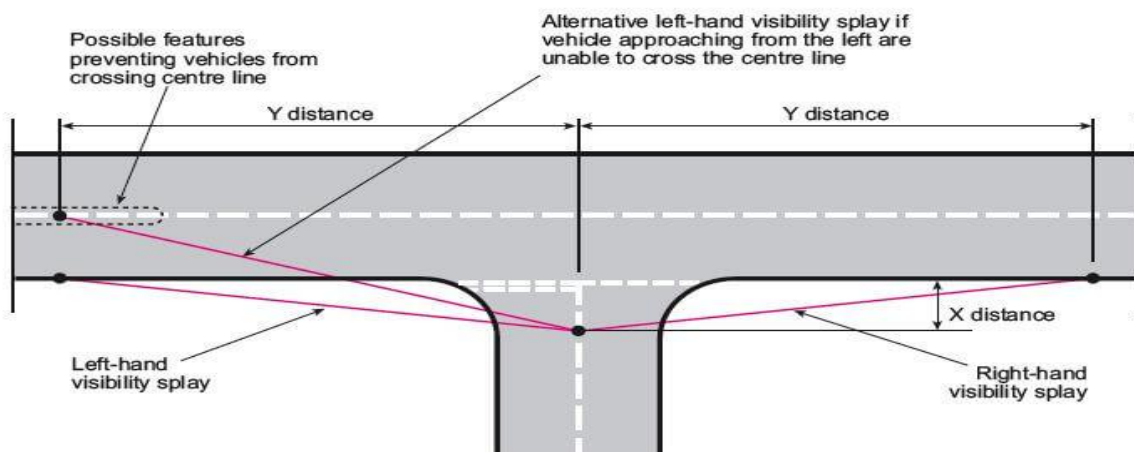
There is some form of existing access onto Bullocks Horn Lane, an unclassified section of public highway subject to a speed limit of 60mph. Whilst the access appears to be a gated field access, it is to the south of the site and located close to the almost 90-degree bend on Bullocks Horn Lane.

The proposals seek to provide a new gated access further north on Bullocks Horn Lane within a section of relatively straight public highway. Any new access with the public highway is required to be provided with appropriate visibility splays demonstrated, if this access is to replace the access to the south then it would be appropriate to demonstrate an improvement to visibility, if not then the achievable splay should be in accordance with standards or provided with evidence to support a departure from standard.

The access would be set back from the public highway by 6m, with a proposed culvert and a type 1 aggregate and gravel surface. It is a requirement that accesses with the public highway are surfaced with a consolidated material to prevent loose material entering the public highway. Alterations to the public highway will require a licence or permit to carry out the works.

It is still required to provide a correct demonstration of the visibility splays achieved at the access; this should be a plan to scale and show the extent of the required splay. The plan provided is not to scale and does not demonstrate visibility onto Bullocks Horn Lane as would be expected to satisfy that the required or improved splay is achievable.

I attach an extract of how this should be demonstrated on a scale plan:



If the visibility splay can be demonstrated as per required standards on a plan to scale then I will be in a position to make any recommendations with regard to conditions and informatives.

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

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