

Supporting Statement

Proposed Vehicle Access – 7 Shaftesbury Road

The proposed vehicle access will provide off-street parking for the property, removing the need for regular on-street parking on the adjacent A-road.

Whilst the primary purpose of the proposal is to provide safe and convenient access to the property, it is also considered to offer a wider highway safety benefit by reducing the likelihood of vehicles parking on the carriageway. This has the potential to reduce unnecessary obstruction to traffic, improve forward visibility for other road users and minimise conflicts between moving traffic and parked vehicles.

From my observations as the occupier of the property, the footway adjacent to the site experiences relatively low pedestrian use compared with many urban residential streets. The proposed access has been designed to minimise any impact on pedestrians whilst maintaining safe access along the footway.

Overall, it is considered that the proposal represents an improvement to highway safety by providing off-street parking and reducing the need for vehicles to park on the adjacent A-road, whilst maintaining suitable provision for pedestrians using the footway.

I respectfully ask that these wider highway safety benefits are taken into account when considering the application alongside the technical requirements for the proposed access.

Should the Local Planning Authority consider that minor amendments to the proposal would improve its acceptability, I would welcome the opportunity to make those amendments where reasonably practicable.