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Subject: Re: PL/2026/05091 160 Devizes Road, Salisbury SP2 7LT

Formal Appeal Against Refusal of Domestic Vehicle Crossing (Dropped Kerb)

Application Reference: VX16641

Property Address: 160 Devizes Rd,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire,
SP2 7LT

I am writing to formally appeal the decision to refuse my application for a disabled domestic vehicle crossing. The application was refused on the grounds of a lack of an on-site turning facility on a 30mph road. I believe this decision fails to account for the unique physical safety features of the site, long-standing historical precedent, and the council's duties under the Equality Act 2010.

I challenge the refusal based on the following conclusive points:

1. Guaranteed and Permanent Visibility Compliance

The authority notes the 30mph speed limit as a hazard requiring a vehicle to enter and exit in a forward gear. However, the property sits on a completely straight section of road with no walls, hedges, or physical obstructions blocking the sightlines. Furthermore, the road is governed by double yellow lines. This statutory parking restriction guarantees that the 43-metre visibility splay required for a 30mph road remains permanently unobstructed by parked vehicles. The physical geometry of the site ensures that reversing can be executed with total clarity and safety.

2. Established Historical Precedent (Empirical Proof of Safety)

As evidenced by the attached historical Google Maps/Street View records dating back

to 2009, a vehicle has been parked on this driveway and has executed this exact maneuver daily for 17 years. This real-world evidence spans nearly two decades of safe operation with zero traffic incidents, zero near-misses, and zero disruptions to highway safety. The risk cited by the highways department is entirely theoretical and is thoroughly disproven by a generation of safe, empirical usage.

3. Local Precedent

An identical highway crossing layout is already established at the adjacent neighbouring property, confirming that the highways authority has previously deemed vehicle access onto this specific section of the 30mph road to be acceptable and safe.

4. Public Sector Equality Duty (Section 149, Equality Act 2010)

As a disabled resident, the refusal of this crossing places me at a severe, daily physical disadvantage and risks my safety on the public highway. Under the Public Sector Equality Duty, the council must weigh minor, theoretical highway risks against the actual, severe detriment to a disabled resident's wellbeing. Given that the road layout is straight, clear, protected by double yellow lines, and has a 17-year incident-free history, rigidly enforcing a blanket "no turnaround" policy is entirely disproportionate.

I request that this application be re-evaluated on its individual, highly compliant merits and that a site visit be conducted to verify these optimal visibility conditions.

Katie Michael

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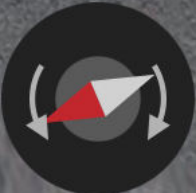
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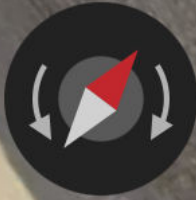
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