

Hi Richard

Sorry, only just had the opportunity to quickly look through the submitted documents.

I am in agreement with Les' comments in respect of visibility requirements at Woodville Place / Wrotham Road junction and the proposed site exit. These need to be addressed in the CEMP document.

It would appear that the opening of the gates does not interfere with the adopted highway and therefor not something that can be controlled.

My biggest concern is that the CEMP document continuously refers to a "qualified banksman" rather than using the plural. As Les has pointed out, there will need to be a minimum of 2 qualified traffic marshals to operate stop / go boards to stop traffic at both the entrance and exits due to vehicles taking up the whole width of the road and other traffic would need to be stopped whilst such operations are undertaken. I would suggest that a third banksman would be needed to assist the driver and, more importantly to direct pedestrians. This should be made clear in the CEMP so that there is no misunderstanding with the use of the singular in the document.

I believe the closure of the footways and construction of temporary crossovers are issues dealt with by KCC's Streetworks Team under the licence that has been issued, including the temporary closure of the pelican crossing. However, I would like to see the Traffic Management drawing amended to show signs to indicate where exactly pedestrians should cross (rather than just saying "Use other footway") and also for temporary dropped kerbs to be constructed at those crossing points for use by wheelchair users etc. These would need to possibly be reinstated after construction is complete.

Overall, not the best CEMP I have seen for a busy location but I guess from a planning point of view it is acceptable provided the above comments are addressed and the documents are amended to Les and my comments. The rest will be down to the Streetworks Team whom I am still awaiting a response from regarding the licence being issued.

I hope that helps.

Many thanks
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