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Our Ref: AO

Application - GBC/20220400

Location - The White Lodge , Wrotham Road, Meopham, Gravesend Kent

Proposal - Creation of vehicular access onto Wrotham Road with access over grass verge, increase in area of hardstanding, installation of new wall, fence and hedge to infill existing access and erection of new 2.4m high fence to northern boundary

Thank you for your consultation in relation to the above planning application. I have the following comments to make with respect to highway matters :-

The application proposes the formation of a vehicle access on the A227, Wrotham Road, the proposed vehicle crossing will be used to access The White Lodge and the neighbouring property The Brambles.

No plans have been submitted demonstrating the visibility splays for the new access. Visibility splays of 43 metres in both directions x 2.4 metres are required (based on a 30 mph speed limit), with no obstruction within the visibility splays over 0.9m above the carriageway level. The applicant will also need to demonstrate that any land crossed by the visibility splays is within their control, or that of Kent County Council.

In addition, pedestrian visibility splays of 2m x 2m behind the footway on both sides of the access, with no obstructions over 0.6m above footway level, would also be required.

I note that the residents of the Brambles will need to reverse on to the White Lodge driveway to enable them to exit the access in a forward gear. To avoid potential vehicle conflict and to future proof the proposal, turning space should be provided independently on each property. The hardstanding area would need to be increased at The Brambles property to achieve this to ensure vehicles can always exit the property in a forward gear.

I would be grateful therefore, if you would forward any amended plans or additional information to me for my further consideration.

Yours Faithfully

Director of Highways & Transportation

*This is a statutory technical response on behalf of KCC as Highway Authority. If you wish to make representations in relation to highways matters associated with the planning application under consideration, please make these directly to the Planning Authority.

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