



To: **Planning Reps**
From **Highways Development Management Officer**

Date 21st December 2022

Your Ref 20221242
Location 371 Singlewell Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 7RL

Kent County Council's guidance regarding gating a vehicular access contained within their Dropped Kerb Application guidance, dated September 2022 states,

11/Gates

Have you or are you considering installing gates?

The gates should not open outwards onto the public highway and you should have at least 5.5m clearance to ensure vehicles are not obstructing the public highway on accessing your property.

https://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/139485/Dropped-Kerb-Application-Guidance.pdf

Given this guidance I can only suggest refusal.

In addition, it is impossible to determine if the opened gates and/or railings would have any adverse effect on pedestrian visibility. The use of railings can at certain angles give the impression of a solid fence with zero visibility from an emerging vehicle. It must be remembered that given the guidance in the Highway Code a vehicle must give way to a pedestrian at a junction, but to do this the driver must see the pedestrian. So again I, would recommend refusal and there should be no boundary treatment over current wall height above footway.

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Highways Development Management Officer

