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Our Ref: AO

Application - GB/20250079

Location - 5 Forge Lane, Higham, Rochester, Kent ME3 7AS

Proposal - Erection of single storey rear extension and rear dormer; Conversion of loft space into habitable rooms; Erection of outbuilding in rear garden; Formation of frontage parking space and vehicle crossover.

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 a second vehicle crossing and parking space for 5 Forge Lane.

Applications for two access crossings to a single property, or a second access point where one already exists, will not normally be approved for domestic dwellings unless there is strong evidence that it will add significantly to highway safety. Increasing the number of points on a highway where vehicles turn, increases the potential for traffic conflict.

Should the LPA be minded to approve this application, separate approval will be needed from the Vehicle Crossing team at KCC. Please note that all street lamp columns and utility plant needs to be situated at least 1.5m from the location of the top of the ramped kerb of the proposed crossover. Any street furniture, lamp columns and utility plant within 1.5m must be relocated at the expense of the applicant.

There may be potential on the site to widen the existing access to create an additional parking space, although pedestrian visibility splays for any new or amended access will need to be provided.

Until further information is provided, I wish to lodge a holding objection to this application.

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.

