



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

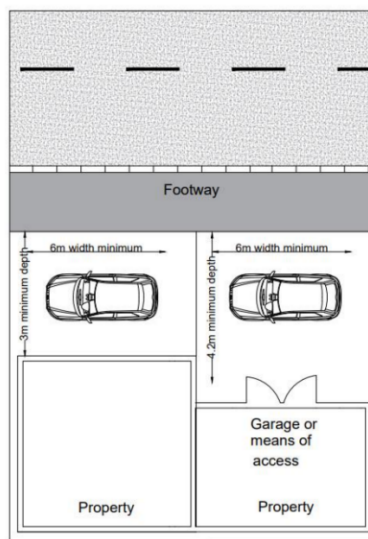
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Your Ref 20240181

Location 5 Martins Close, Higham, Rochester, Kent ME3 7HE

Unfortunately, the submission is inadequate to determine the space available for the parking of cars. The property currently has the benefit of two car parking spaces and given the rural nature of the property and the fact the number of bedrooms increases from two to three, two parking spaces should be retained.

KCC Supplementary Planning Guidance SPG4 requires parking spaces to be a minimum of 5 metres deep by 2.5 metres wide increasing to 2.7 metres wide when adjacent to an enclosing boundary. However, informal guidance issued by Kent County Council does permit the length to be shortened to 4.8 metres which should be taken as the absolute minimum when parked perpendicular to the highway. The County Council's informal guidance also permits a vehicle to be parked parallel to the carriageway providing there is a minimum length of 6 metres and a depth of 3 or 4.2 metres depending on whether or not there is a door to the building.



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With an extra bedroom a cycle parking space should also be provided to comply with KCCSPG4

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