[redacted]

From: Adrian Martin (Place) <Adrian.Martin@derbyshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 September 2021 15:17
To: Penford, Mark <Mark.Penford@ambervalley.gov.uk>
Cc: Gee, Rae <rae.gee@ambervalley.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL] FW: AVA / 2021 / 0831

Mark,

Further to the email below regarding an historic application at the location of the above application site, please see my comments below:

It is unclear why the comments refer to the visibility distance to the south being 20m. It has been assessed that the achievable visibility from a 2.4m set back is some 45m but it has been considered that due to the bend and uphill gradient it is highly unlikely that drivers would choose to overtake traveling up hill through the bend, therefore, it would not be unreasonable to extend the visibility distance to the centre of the road in this instance, which increases the visibility distance to some 55m. Again considering the road layout to the south of the site i.e. bend and uphill gradient, vehicle approach speeds are considered to be relatively low and in line with a stopping sight distance of 55m.

The visibility in the northerly direction has been assessed at some 80m again from a set back of 2.4m. It is mentioned that the road is subject to a speed limit of 60 mph. It is considered unlikely that vehicle speeds on Hazelwood Hill on the approach to the site access will be at or around 60 mph and are more likely to be much lower and in line with a stopping sight distance of 80m. If there is evidence to the contrary then this will need to be submitted and further assessment can be carried out. In addition, if there is evidence that overgrown trees/hedges/vegetation obstruct visibility, taking in to account the width of the verge fronting the site and the extent of the public highway, any overgrown vegetation can be cut back to provide the necessary visibility splays.

The reference made to the application made in 2011 and to the comments made by DCC and the planning inspector were for a different site, albeit relatively close to this latest application, and for a different access. The access to the previous application was immediately adjacent to third party land to the south of the access, believed to be 1 Primrose Cottages, which directly borders the public highway. With no fronting footway or verge, drivers emerging from the access would either have had to look across the garden of the neighbouring dwelling i.e. uncontrolled land or enter the public highway with nil visibility in the southerly direction. This is not the case with the access proposed to serve the dwelling in the application reference AVA/2021/0831.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss further.

Regards

Adrian Martin | Highway Development Control | Place | Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG | 01629 538668 or 07780 752434
www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Derbyshire County Council - Improving life for local people

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE

DERBYSHIRE County Council

[redacted]



