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Our ref: AVBC/2026/016421
Your ref: AVA/2026/0133
Date: 17 March 2026

Dear Katja Graham

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015
ARTICLE 18 CONSULTATION WITH HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

PROPOSAL: Extension to form utility, snug and kitchen on ground floor, and two bedrooms on first floor including internal alterations

LOCATION: 8 Watson Avenue Heanor Derbyshire DE75 7AR

Derbyshire County Council, the Highway Authority acting in its role as Statutory Consultee has undertaken a full assessment of this planning application. Based on the appraisal of the development proposals the Highways Development Management Manager on behalf of the County Council, under Article 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order, 2015 recommends that the application is deferred pending additional information.

Background

The proposal is for extensions and alterations to the existing dwelling. The existing dwelling appears to have 3 bedrooms. The proposal will provide an additional bedroom and therefore will result in the property having 4 bedrooms.

Site Access

The application does not propose any alterations to the existing access point onto Watson Avenue. Watson Avenue in this location is a non-classified residential road.

Internal Layout

Car Parking

In accordance with the highway authority's Parking Guidance for New Developments (PGND) 4.2 Table 2, the minimum number of car parking spaces required for dwellings with 4 bedrooms is 3 spaces.

Details should be provided which demonstrate 3 parking spaces are available within the site frontage, with dimensions which accord with the requirements of Section 8.6 of the highway authority's Parking Guide for New Developments.

Paragraph 4.5.1 of the PGND states that, in all circumstances, garages are not counted towards parking provision.

Any proposal to widen the driveway will also require widening of the highway crossover and provision of pedestrian splays as set out in 4.8.1 of the Authority's Planning Streets and Places Design guide.

No electric vehicle (EV) charging facilities are shown but details can be secured by planning condition.

Cycle Parking

PGND section 4.7 stipulates that secure, covered cycle parking should be provided at a minimum rate of 1 space per bedroom i.e. the dwelling should have at least 4 cycle spaces.

PGND section 4.5 confirms that cycle parking can be provided within garages subject to design and location.

Details will be required to show adequate cycle parking and cycle equipment storage facilities and can be secured by planning condition.

Conclusion

The highway authority therefore recommends that this planning application should not be determined until the applicant has submitted amended details which satisfactorily address the above issues. The highway authority will comment again following receipt of further information.

Yours sincerely,

Gemma Statham
Transport Development Management

Date Received	Case Officer	Reviewer	Date Issued
5 March 2026	Gemma Statham		17 March 2026