

HIGHWAY AUTHORITY RECOMMENDATION

P/FUL/2024/04613

Land to Rear of 156-172 South Street Bridport

I refer to the above planning application received on 2 October 2024.

The Highway Authority requests an extension of time to the normal consultation period in order that the highway implications of this proposal can be properly assessed and any internal specialists engaged. It is anticipated that this will take around 4 to 5 weeks and I will let you know if my response will be delayed beyond this time period. Feel free to contact me at any time should you wish to know how matters are progressing.

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Details of the development, as submitted, do not meet with the requirements of the Highway Authority and if carried out in this manner would be likely to endanger road safety, or result in other highway problems.

Firstly, we would need clarification on whether the scheme is being adopted. The latest drawing shows an electronic gate at the entrance to the site.

Clarification is also needed on the junction and junction radii with Dr Roberts Close. The width of site entrance should be 5.5 metres for 30 metres, to fit with adoptive requirements. A swept path analysis is required to show all vehicles using this junction.

The Traffic Statement seems to omit the RSA stage 1, could a copy please be shown.

Can I have more details of the improvements (road narrowing) on South Street and the works proposed.

The plans show a lack of appropriate footways on site. 2m width footways should be available to all properties to allow for safety, inclusive mobility, visually impaired, residents with mobility scooters or wheelchairs etc. In some locations there are only steps available for pedestrians which would make it difficult for people with disabilities to access.

The lack of footways on site is contrary to the guidance provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in that the development does not ensure that "safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all users".

It is noted there is no traffic calming throughout the scheme, so will be necessary to ensure that vehicle speeds will be 20mph or lower.

The entrance opposite Jewson would allow vehicles to exit the site and it would be hard to enforce the one way. The layout should stop vehicles accessing and exiting the site at this location and only allow access to the rear parking areas for the buildings on South Street.

Presently, the application is considered to have an unacceptable impact on highway safety, when consideration is given to paragraphs 114 and 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - December 2023 and would likely to be recommended for refusal.

We are happy to meet with the developer to discuss these matters further.

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