



Staffordshire County Council
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Development Management Procedure Order 2015

To: Staffordshire Moorlands
 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
 Moorlands House
 Stockwell Street
 Leek
 ST13 6HQ

Application Type: FULL

Applicant:

Jo Morgan Shaw Education Trust Kidsgrove Secondary
 School, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove, ST7 4DL

Officer: David Plant

Our Reference: SMD20240360V1

District Reference: SMD/2024/0360

Date Received: 02-Oct-2024

Date Responded: 02-Oct-2024

Particulars of Development:

Proposed Car Park and one-way system. Relocate pedestrian Access.
 Existing surfaces, Grass, and Asphalt ** Revised Information **

Location of Development:

Endon High School Leek Road, Endon

Recommendation Summary: Conditional

Site Visit Conducted on: 25-Sep-2024

CONDITIONS

1. Before the proposed development is brought into use, the visibility splays of minimum 2.4mx43m shown on drawing EHS020924E Splays and Guardrail shall be provided. The visibility splays shall thereafter be kept free from obstructions for the life of the development.
2. Any guardrailling within the visibility splay shall be of the 'Visirail' type.
3. Visirail pedestrian guardrailling to the north of the site approaching number 175 Leek Road shall not be constructed beyond the full height kerb ending at the transition kerb for the access crossing to number 175 Leek Road in accordance with details to be first submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASONS

ALL To comply with NPPF paragraph 114; to comply with SMDC Local Plan Policy DC1; in the interests of highway safety.

- 1, 2 To maintain safe adequate visibility at the site access for vehicles exiting the site and for vehicles exiting neighbouring properties.
3. To ensure free, unhindered access for drivers using access to number 175, Leek Road.

IMPORTANT INFORMATIVE TO BE INCLUDED ON DECISION NOTICE

The pedestrian guardrailling shall require a Highway Works Agreement with Staffordshire County Council. The applicant is requested to contact Staffordshire County Council in order to secure the Agreement. The link below is to the Highway Works Information Pack including an application form. Please complete and send to the address indicated on the application form or email to (highway.agreements@staffordshire.gov.uk). The applicant is advised to begin this process well in

advance of any works taking place in order to meet any potential timescales.
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/highwayscontrol/HighwaysWorkAgreements.aspx>
Highways Agreements - Staffordshire County Council

If the PGR is to remain the property of the school:

While the Highway Authority raises no objection to the proposal, the Pedestrian guardrail is within the highway. The owner of the guardrailing is required to take responsibility for the pedestrian guardrailing and be liable for future maintenance and any claims made relating to the guardrailing. A licence under S50 Highways Act 1980 is required for private apparatus within the highway. Details are available at Permissions and licences - Staffordshire County Council

NOTES TO PLANNING OFFICER

Application is for car park revisions, a one-way system, alterations to pedestrian access and provision of pedestrian guardrail (PGR).

There are no highway objections or issues with the car park alterations or one-way system. Highways initially recommended refusal due to lack of detail surrounding the proposals for the guardrailing. Revised details were submitted which again raised issues. Further revised details were submitted on 23rd September 2024 which defined a visibility splay and proposed 'Visirail' for the pedestrian guardrail within the visibility splay and a minimum 500mm offset from the carriageway edge.

The visibility splays are shown in an unusual manner - as a fan shape. However, the required visibility splay of 2.4m x 43m in both directions at each access point measured to the near kerbline, are included within the fan shape and is acceptable.

Visirail PGR is now proposed. This will allow drivers to effectively see through the guardrail and provides visibility while also improving pedestrian safety.

Condition is recommended to end the PGR in line with the top of transition kerb at number 175 Leek Road. Although there is a legend on the drawing EHS020924E rev 01 stating 'Existing Highway Drop Kerbs' this is not clear on the drawing. Ending at the top of the transition kerb gives a defined end point and protects the access to number 175 Leek Road from any suggestion of obstruction by the PGR. Highway Works Agreement is required to carry out works in the highway. If the PGR is to remain the property of the school, section 50 licence for private apparatus within the highway is required.

Current records show that there were no Personal Injury Collisions on Leek Road within 50m either side of the property access in the previous five years.

Assistant Director, Highways and the Built County
On behalf of the County Council as
Highway Authority