

Attention: London Borough of Hillingdon
Civic Centre
High Street
Uxbridge
Middlesex UB8 1UW

Application Date: 21st November 2024
Client: Mr T. Cunningham
Re: Vehicle Crossover Upgrade. 71 Hercies Road, Hillingdon, UB10 9LU

Application for: "Permission is sort to widen the existing vehicle access - crossover, to provide a safer and more efficient access for vehicles, the current crossover being misaligned."

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are submitting this application on behalf of our client for the widening of the existing vehicle crossover which services 71-73 Hercies Road, Uxbridge UB10 9LU.

This proposal seeks to address access and safety concerns arising from the constrained nature of the current crossover.

Access and Proposal

The highway access to the property comes directly off Hercies Rd. We propose widening the crossover (flat section) on the eastern side to 8.0 metres to provide safer and more efficient access for vehicles. While we acknowledge that this width exceeds the 5 metres typically recommended in the London Borough of Hillingdon's Vehicle Crossover Policy (Section 4.2), we believe that the specific site constraints and safety concerns justify an exception in this instance.

We have engaged the serves of Highways Consultant, Brett Littlewood, Apex Strategies Ltd. Email: brett@apexstrategies.co.uk, Apex Strategies ref: T1150-001-01.

See Statement and technical details with existing and proposed plans.

Justification for the Widening:

The existing vehicle crossover measures 5.3 metres in width (flat section), with transition kerbs on either side. The current positioning and dimensions have led to difficulties in vehicular access, resulting in vehicles overrunning the full height kerb when entering the site "left-in ". As Hercies Road is a classified road (UX1), this situation presents a safety concern that needs to be addressed.

The current vehicle crossover is misaligned with the site's access point, leading to vehicles overrunning the full height kerb, which poses a risk to both vehicles and pedestrians. Widening the crossover to 8.0 metres is necessary to rectify this safety issue and allow vehicles to enter and exit the site more smoothly.

Safety Considerations:

A visibility envelope of 2.4m x 43m, based on the 30mph speed limit of Hercies Road, has been assessed and confirmed to be clear of obstructions that would impact vehicular or pedestrian safety.

While there is a tree within the adjacent verge, it is positioned outside the visibility envelope and does not obstruct sightlines for vehicles entering or exiting the site.

There is a street lighting column within the verge, located in close proximity to the existing crossover.

Widening the crossover will bring vehicles slightly closer to this lighting column, however, the streetlight is considered a spot obstruction and does not materially impact the overall visibility envelope. Its presence does not significantly affect driver sightlines or pedestrian safety, as it falls within acceptable limits for visibility obstructions.

The primary goal of widening the crossover is to eliminate the risk of vehicles overrunning the kerb and improve the overall access arrangement. By doing so, pedestrian safety will be enhanced as vehicles will no longer encroach onto footpaths, and traffic flow will be smoother, reducing the risk of accidents.

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The impact of the proposed development falls below the De Minimus guideline threshold. See separate statement, and info.

Flood Risk

the EA flood maps have been consulted and there is no risk of flooding at this location.

See flood plans submitted with the application.

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