

Design & Access Statement for Drop Kerb at 4 Meadow View, High Road, Cowley, UB8 2HH

Introduction

This Design and Access Statement is submitted in support of a planning application for the installation of a drop kerb at the front of the property located at 4 Meadow View, High Road, Cowley, UB8 2HH. The purpose of the drop kerb is to enable the applicant to safely and securely park their vehicle off the road, alleviating issues with on-street parking and enhancing personal and vehicular security.



Context and Need

The property is situated on a classified road, with limited and often unreliable on-street parking availability. The issue is compounded by incidents of vehicle break-ins while parked on the street, as evidenced by the police reports included within the attached **Appendix A**.

The applicant is therefore seeking to construct a drop kerb to facilitate access to off-street parking within their property boundary, ensuring safety, convenient and secure parking for the occupants of the dwelling. Other such drop kerbs off of High Road exist at neighbouring properties in the immediate vicinity of the site, see photos.

Design

The proposed drop kerb will comply with local authority and highway standards. It will:

- **Width:** The drop kerb will be approximately 2.2m wide. It will facilitate safe and straightforward vehicular access to the property from High Road, providing for a standard parking space of 2.4m to 4.8m, as appropriate.
- **Materials:** Be constructed using durable and visually consistent materials that align with the surrounding street aesthetics.
- **Drainage:** Incorporate suitable drainage measures to ensure compliance with sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) requirements, avoiding any surface water runoff onto the highway.
- **Impact on Street Scene:** Minimal visual impact, maintaining the character of the local area by matching existing kerbing and paving materials.

The front garden of the property will be has been modified via permitted development rights to provide a level, permeable surface for parking, in line with planning and highway authority requirements.



Access

The drop kerb will ensure safe and direct access for the applicant's vehicle to and from the highway. It will:

- Enhance security for the applicant's vehicle by enabling off-street parking within the boundaries of their property.
- Support pedestrian safety through clear delineation and adherence to relevant accessibility standards.

Compliance with Policy

The proposed drop kerb has been designed to comply with local planning policies and guidance, ensuring it:

- Enhances residential amenity by providing secure parking for the applicant.
- Does not detract from the character of the area.
- Adheres to highway safety requirements and minimises disruption to traffic flow on the classified road.

Conclusion

The proposed drop kerb is a necessary and appropriate solution to address the applicant's parking and security concerns. It aligns with planning policies and is designed to integrate seamlessly with the existing streetscape. Upon approval of the planning application, the applicant will seek highway authority approval to ensure the construction meets all relevant standards. We respectfully request that planning permission is granted by the Local Planning Authority at the earliest opportunity.