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Planning no APP/20/00732 drop kerb

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Dear sir/madam

With regards to the site line for the drop kerb at the above address, I sincerely hope this rule is a guide rather than a hard and fast set in stone rule, the idea that the site line should be taken from 2.4 meters back from the kerb seems to be to far back, all cars leaving a property drive out very slowly and stop when the front bumper is on the path/kerb and stops, the driver has plenty of time and vision to see any pedestrians and at this slow pace can stop if anybody is passing, all very safe and controlled, at this point with the front bumper still not on the road the driver leans forward to look left and right to see if there is any traffic coming, so now the line of site is 1.8 meters back. We worked on the neighbours hedge for 2 hrs this week and all cars coming round the bend drove slowly, you could see they were looking round the bend to see if there was anything coming and were slow enough to ease up if there was a car coming towards them, so with vehicles driving slowly past Number 88a driving off the property is a safe action.

Having said that in addition to this, there are no yellow lines in the road here, It is quite legal for me to park in the road alongside the public path on the boundary of number 88a, with a vehicle behind me outside 86 A also legally parked it would then be safe to say because there are no parking restrictions here the authorities have assessed the situation and deemed it to be safe enough for me to park here and to drive away safely, on driving away I have to look behind me if I'm facing the on coming traffic, again no restriction on which way the car is facing, you have to agree that it's far safer and easier to join a live lane here if you are leaving from a dropped kerb and hard standing on 88a, because you can easily look both ways. With a dropped kerb here, it removes the possibility of a vehicle parking here which reduces the number of vehicles that can park on the inside of this bend.

We have looked around and can quote hundreds of drives that have fences and hedges right to the front line of their properties, either on one side or both sides, some have narrow public paths in front, I'm sure if we did the research it would be hard to find any accidents relating to this issue, they simply drive out slowly and the traffic speed is controlled to suit, this is a quiet road not a rat run.

I doubt there is a rule in place that requires either the resident or the authorities to make sure that fences or hedges are not erected, or allowed to grow in the years following the installation of a dropped kerb/access, you don't have to look to far to see there either isn't a rule or nobody is enforcing it.

With all this in mind we really hope you can see that allowing this dropped kerb, it's not going to have an adverse effect on this section of public highway.