

Supporting statement

This is a retrospective application for direct vehicular access to 2 Coralin Grove, with road kerbs being changed to 2 transition and 4 flush kerbs, with a small tarmacked area to the roadway, over a grassed verge. We were not aware full planning permission was required, otherwise an application prior to works would have occurred. We did check the covenant of our address which had no issues, but were unaware of the Phase 3 permission for the Tempest estate development under T&CPA 1971, requiring planning permission until contacted by planning office. We were aware a previous owner had built a dropped kerb, but it had been removed on grounds of safety. We had very limited knowledge of this, believing it was due to permission only being sought after the works had been completed. So we applied for HCC permission first, so we didn't repeat their error. Our dropped kerb application was submitted to Hampshire County Council (Highways) prior to any works. This was initially rejected. We appealed and two surveyors from the highways attended on 27th September 2018. They understood our submission was different to the previous site of a dropped kerb and agreed the safe location slightly further down, which they marked and where our works have been completed. This met all their criteria for a dropped kerb for safety reasons as per their guidelines. The Highways application reference is 21460246. The reason for our application is we have a 4 bed home, with shared driveway. The access to the driveway is further along Coralin Grove. It has a worse line of sight for us exiting and cars using Coralin Grove and Harkness Drive, due to an S bend / junction nearby and is more dangerous than our new entrance. We base this assessment on our time serving in the police (wife still serving), with us both trained to a higher level of driving (roadcraft and system of car control). To enter our address on the shared access we pass 3 other homes and with these works we reduce nuisance to our neighbours. Additionally our next door neighbour would gain extra parking so taking pressure off road parking. This entrance has been in place for 3 ? months , with no near misses or accidents occurring in the vicinity or anywhere nearby. Additionally there has been a reduction in nuisance and light pollution to our next door neighbours and no inconvenience to our neighbours opposite in anyway. We have not received any complaints about these works from our direct neighbours alongside or opposite in Coralin Grove. Our next door neighbour is supporting our works. We respectfully request your approval for these works in the interest of road safety, reduction of nuisance to neighbours and our request is reasonable to what would be expected of a house of our nature, with all works in keeping with the aesthetic of the area. This application also includes reinstating a small wall beside the entrance, similar to what was there before.