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Dear Ms Lacey,

Interbridges Site, New Brighton Road, Emsworth

Proposed dropped kerb.

Thank you for the further consultation on the above application. Additional information has been provided within the letter dated 15 March 2024. The Highway Authority have also undertaken a site visit on the 08 April 2024 to assess the revised proposal.

Additional tracking has been provided demonstrating that manoeuvres for the proposed access can be undertaken appropriately for a small tipper vehicle which is noted to be proposed to be the largest vehicle to be required to access and egress the land.

In order to achieve the visibility splays the access has been relocated further north. It is apparent from the site visit undertaken that the base drawings provided are inaccurate and do not show the existing uncontrolled crossing provision which was observed to be well used on site to serve the Emsworth Railway Station. This crossing point would be directly impacted by the proposed access arrangement and its removal would be unacceptable.

It is also apparent from the site visit that whilst on plan the visibility splays as shown on drawing 5986/002 Rev C can be achieved, again the base drawing is missing the pedestrian guard railing which is boarded with no through visibility present on site and when on the ground the necessary visibility cannot be achieved.

The B2149 is a high flow route circa 13,000 two way movements a day and therefore ensuring appropriate visibility to any proposed access arrangement is key to ensuring the maintenance of a safe and efficient highway. The Highway Authority remain

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concerned that the access visibility would be obstructed by the rail bridge structure and therefore the proposals would place a safety risk on the highway. In addition the provision of the access would require the removal or relocation of an existing established crossing point which in the view of the Highway Authority would not be achievable due to the constraints on visibility provided by the structure, without taking the crossing away from the desire line for all users.

The commentary provide within the previous response dated 22 February 2024 therefore still stands.

Recommendation

The Highway Authority consider based on the information provided that an access in this location which is reliant on substandard visibility would give rise to Highway Safety concerns and that the impact on the existing crossing infrastructure would be unacceptable . If the Planning Authority are minded to determine the application the Highway Authority offer the following reason for refusal.

INADEQUATE VISIBILITY

Inadequate visibility splays are acheivable at the junction of the access with the highway and this would cause danger and inconvenience to users of the adjoining highway.

Reason: In the Interest of Highway Safety

INADEQUATE ACCESS DESIGN

The access proposals result in the need for removal or relocation of an existing crossing provision which would result in negative impacts to existing sustainable travel users and give rise safety concerns with regard the lack of safe crossing provision which is located on the desire line for all users.

Reason: In the Interest of Highway Safety

Yours sincerely,

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