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For Mrs Heather Lealan (Case officer APP/13/00132)

Reference: 71 Langstone Road - application for dropped kerb and access)

From: Secretary, Langstone Residents Association

Dear Mrs Lealan

I am writing on behalf of the Langstone Residents Association in respect of APP/13/00132 - 71 Langstone Road - application for dropped kerb and access.

The Langstone Residents Association Committee has discussed this application and considers that it should be refused for the following reasons:

1. Hampshire County Council guidelines [Application for Vehicle Crossing guidance notes - approval process - item 5] state that "Vehicle crossings will generally not be approved from a lay-by or other designated parking area."
2. The proposal would result in the loss of one of the two parking spaces in the adjacent lay-by and compromise its use for refuse collection, deliveries and other users.
3. 71, 73 and 75 Langstone Road each have a garage behind the properties, in Towers Gardens.
4. Exiting forwards from 71 onto Langstone Road would be very dangerous, especially if another vehicle was parked in the southern half of the lay-by, thus blocking the view of northbound traffic. Langstone Road is narrowest at this point and there have been two accidents in the past couple of years caused by vehicles coming onto the road from side turnings on the east side of the road, in the vicinity of 71 Langstone Road.
5. Permission for a dropped kerb would set a precedent for the adjacent houses which could result in the complete loss of the lay-by for other users, such as contractors, deliveries and visitors.
6. For a vehicle to exit forwards from the front garden of 71 Langstone Road it would appear to need the removal of six trees, to make sufficient turning space. This would require Conservation Area Consent. The loss of the trees would also have an adverse impact on the other two houses (73 and 75) and on the Conservation Area in general.
7. Langstone Residents Association supports the concerns expressed in the Highways consultation report and the Conservation consultant's report, and therefore considers that the application should be refused.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<http://www.havant.gov.uk/node/329/submission/1258>