

**KIRKLEES COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

PLANNING REF 2018/62/92665/W0/FD
CATEGORY Minor

PROPOSAL ERECTION OF FENCE TO SIDE
WITH GATE AT FRONT

LOCATION 15, FELL GROVE
HUDDERSFIELD
HD2 1NQ

APPLICANT PAUL ARCHER

HDC Ref. No. K4-5NE/8
Highway Officer Chris Bembridge
O. S. Ref. 150 198
Date Received 22/08/2018
Target Date 12/09/2018
Date Returned 20/09/2018
Decision
Route No. Unclassified
Road Name FELL GROVE
Adopted Yes
Footpath No
Highway scheme No

Potential Committee

Local Plan Allocatio No

Checked by / date John Perriton 29/08/2018

This application is for the erection of a fence with a gate to the end at the side of an existing residential property on Fell Grove. The application appears to be similar to application No 18/91067, but covers only the fence to the side of house. As this was the part of the previous application that caused concern, these comments are very similar to the ones submitted for the previous application.

Fell Grove is a short residential estate cul-de-sac serving approximately 24 dwellings, with 14 of these served by the southern spur beyond the application site. It has an approximate width of 6m, there are footways on both sides, street lighting is present and there is some on street parking occurring. The posted road speed is 30mph but it is expected that due to constraints the actual speeds would be expected to be lower than this.

The fence is proposed to be erected adjacent to the highway boundary on land owned by the applicant. The location of the proposed fence would affect visibility splays for vehicles emerging from the southern spur of Fell Grove. Current visibility measured from maps is approximately 40m. From advice in Manual for Streets this is suitable for vehicle speeds of up to 30mph. The proposals would reduce the visibility to approximately 26m, a distance only suitable for vehicle speeds of 20mph or less. This would put the visibility splay right at the lowest limits for the anticipated speeds.

Highways development management would suggest that, to ensure adequate visibility splays are maintained at the junction adjacent to the development site, the fence is erected no higher than 0.9m. This should provide for a visibility splay of 2.4m x 31m which would be suitable for this road.

If this could be adopted by the applicant and the visibility splay distances maximised then DHM team would have no objections to this application on highways grounds. If however the applicant wishes to go ahead with a full height fence we would request that they obtain accurate speed measurement readings for vehicles passing along the east/west section of Fell Grove so as to give an 85th percentile wet weather speed in order to show that the visibility splays obtainable are suitable for the speeds of vehicles recorded. This should be conditioned if you are minded for approval and suitable wording can be provided.

With this we cannot currently support the application due to a lack of information concerning adequate

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visibility splays on highways safety grounds. If suitable visibility splay information can be supplied we may be able to support this application in the future.
