

Substantive response of the Local Highway Authority to a planning consultation received under The Development Management Order.



Response provided under the delegated authority of the Director of Environment & Transport.

APPLICATION DETAILS:

Planning Application Number: 23/00929/FUL

Highway Reference Number: 2023/0929/04/H

Application Address: Thornton Community Centre 175 Main Street Thornton Coalville
Leicestershire LE67 1AH

Application Type: Full

Description of Application:

Proposed external access ramp and steps to the rear of Thornton Community Centre and conversion of east corner open space into additional parking

GENERAL DETAILS

Planning Case Officer: Joseph Fleetwood HBBC

Applicant: Mrs Mary Gibson (Chairperson)

County Councillor: Cllr Peter Bedford

Parish: Bagworth & Thornton

Road Classification: Class C

Substantive Response provided in accordance with article 22(5) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015:

The Local Highway Authority Advice is that, in its view, the impacts of the development on highway safety would not be unacceptable, and when considered cumulatively with other developments, the impacts on the road network would not be severe. Based on the information provided, the development therefore does not conflict with paragraph 111 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023).

Advice to Local Planning Authority

Background

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) are in receipt of application 23/00929/FUL for the creation of an access ramp and conversion of an open space to create additional parking at Thornton Community Centre, 175 Main Street, Thornton.

There has been one previous application on the site detailed below:

23/00069/FUL - Proposed external access ramp and steps to the rear of Thornton Community Centre and conversion of the east corner open space into additional parking. The LHA responded on 20 February 2023 advising approval. However, the Applicant later withdrew the application.

Proposals

It was highlighted within the LHA's previous observations provided to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) on 20 February 2023 that the area proposed for the additional car parking was already used as a car parking area during the summer months.

It is evident that the existing level of 16 off-street car parking spaces currently available at the site, are insufficient to cater for the activities taking place at the Community Centre. It was stated within this LHA's previous observations that the Applicant had advised that during periods of wet weather the grassed area becomes unusable resulting in vehicles parking on the highway in the village of Thornton.

The Applicant is proposing to increase the size of the car park from its current 16 off-street car parking spaces, to 40. This is to be achieved by the installation of permeable reinforced paving tiles which are to be placed directly onto the grassed area.

The LHA welcome the proposals given they will provide additional off-street car parking, relieving the burden on the public highway and the possibility of inconsiderate parking within the location.

The LHA have reviewed the 'Block Plan', drawing number A118, however, there is a disclaimer on the drawing that states the plan should not be scaled from. As such, the LHA advise that spaces should measure a minimum of 2.4 metres x 5.5 metres with an additional 0.5 metre strip for each side bound by a wall/ hedge/ fence as per Paragraph 3.165 of Part 3 of the Leicestershire Highway Design Guide (LHDG). There should also be an aisle width of at least six metres as per Figure DG13 of Part 3 of the LHDG.

Taking all the above into consideration, the LHDG would not seek to resist the proposals.

Link

LHDG

<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/resource/files/field/pdf/faq/2022/3/18/Part-3-design-guidance-interim.pdf>

Date Received
11 October 2023

Case Officer
Neal Chantrill

Reviewer
VV

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01 November 2023