



Project: Proposed dropped kerb and vehicular access
Address: Willow Wood Barn, Middlewood Green, Suffolk, IP14 5HF
Reference: 0210-P01

Introduction

The site is located in Middlewood Green, located in the county of Suffolk, three miles north-east of the town of Stowmarket, 11 miles north of the major town of Ipswich. The site is mostly surrounded by farmland, however, shares its Eastern boundary with another residential property.

Access

The site is currently accessed on the Northern boundary via a shared access with the neighbouring property. The access is opposite a junction on a c class road with a national speed limit of 60mph. Once vehicles have left the road and entered the site, there is adequate driveways for parking to both dwellings.

Proposal

The proposal is to provide a dropped kerb to meet Suffolk county councils guidelines along with associated hard standing (permeable surface) to provide access to the existing parking. The proposed access will be located on the Northern boundary approximately 30 metres West of the existing boundary, allowing for visibility splays of 90 metres to the West and 120 metres to the East. The visibility splays are below the required Y distance. However, there is junction opposite the site that slows road users down considerably. Therefore, the client is happy to provide a speed survey to show the average speed is lower than 60mph on this section of road. The proposal will also improve road safety as between the two dwellings there are daily deliveries and more than 5 occupants using the shared gated access everyday, which often causes a vehicle to be stopped on the road whilst another occupant is using the access. Another occurrence is the neighbouring driveway is often full, resulting in there not being enough space to turn, causing delivery drivers to reverse onto the road - the proposal would stop this, allowing for turning on the new driveway and entering the road safely, facing forward.