

218 Headley Way OX37TA dropped curb proposal

Design and Access Statement

Current motor vehicle access to 218 (and 216) Headley Way OX37TA is via individually dropped sections of curb for each property, most likely installed during the original build periods (1948-1950) when motor vehicles were typically much smaller than modern designs.

This necessitates very tight turns from the highway in order not to damage the wheels of modern vehicles, quite often moving towards oncoming traffic to make appropriate turning circles. This leads to driver attention being absorbed by making the appropriate turn rather than looking out for pedestrian and cycle traffic on this often-busy highway. The current configuration thus represents a potential public safety hazard.

To the applicant's knowledge this section of raised curb between the driveway access points of 218 and 216 Headley Way is the only remaining section of raised curb between properties with adjacent access points along the entirety of Headley Way. Thus, there is complete precedent for this proposed modification to access, with an example visible in `dropped_curb_218HW_photo01` on the opposite side of Headley Way.