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Our Ref: AC

Application - SE/24/00230/FUL

Location - Bluebell Cemetery Old London Road Badgers Mount Kent TN14 7AE

Proposal - The provision of a new exit road and associated cross over onto Old London Road.

Thank you for your consultation in relation to the above planning application. I have the following comments to make with respect to highway matters :-

The proposals would result in a new access on Old London Road, which is a classified 'C' road and visibility splays are therefore required. As the access is located within the 40mph speed limit, visibility splays of 2.4m x 104m are required in both directions, with no obstruction over 1.05m above carriageway level within the splays. The applicant should submit a drawing to demonstrate that any land crossed by the splays is within the applicant's control, or that of Kent County Council as the Highway Authority.

The access will require a bound surface for the first 10m from the edge of the highway and the provision of measures to prevent the discharge of surface water onto the highway.

Any gates should open away from the highway and be set back a minimum of 10 metres from the edge of the carriageway.

A site plan has been submitted; however, this only shows the proposed exit road and vehicle crossover. Whilst I understand that the new exit road will only allow visitors to exit the car park, clarification is needed as to whether the existing access will only allow vehicles to enter the site, forming a one way system throughout the site.

I am unable to ascertain whether this proposal would affect the area designated for an overflow car park, which was approved in the original application for the crematorium under SE/19/02317. Clarification is also required as to whether the existing storage units will remain in situ. If these are to remain on the site, they should be shown on the revised plans, to ensure they do not affect the access or parking layout.

I would therefore request a revised site layout plan which shows the full extents of the site, to demonstrate that the parking layout, including the designated overflow car park, will not be affected by these proposals. The revised plan should also demonstrate the one way system throughout the site.

Please advise the applicant that they will also require the separate consent of KCC Highways Vehicle Crossing Team, for the construction of the vehicle crossover within the public highway.

I look forward to further information being submitted to assist me in determining this application from a highway perspective.

Yours Faithfully

Director of Highways & Transportation

*This is a statutory technical response on behalf of KCC as Highway Authority. If you wish to make representations in relation to highways matters associated with the planning application under consideration, please make these directly to the Planning Authority.