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Memo



Development & Infrastructure Services

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To: Gordon Hotchkiss
Development Control Officer

Your Ref: 10/01287/PP

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**PROPOSED ERECTION OF A FENCE AND ENTRANCE GATE
LOCATION: DRUMFORK HOUSE, REDGAUNTLET ROAD, HELENSBURGH
APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: 10/01287/PP**

I refer to your letter dated 1st March 2011 regarding further amended details submitted relative to the above.

As previously stated in my memo dated 25th November 2010 I acknowledge that the reduction in the height of the proposed fence and gates at the entrance located on Beechwood Place would assist with the visibility sightlines of both the pedestrians and vehicle movements.

The proposal to re-locate the driveway access gates adjacent to the heel of the footway is not acceptable in the interest of road and pedestrian safety. This road is within a 30 mph speed limit with the location of the existing driveway on the outside of a 90 degree bend. Therefore in order to allow the driveway gates to be opened to allow vehicle entry into the property would create a hazard by obstructing the passage of other vehicles during this process. As previously intimated I would recommend that the gates are positioned a minimum distance of 6 metres behind the heel of footway.

The position of the fence and the realignment of the footpath will restrict pedestrian forward visibility and creates a less user friendly right of way. This footpath is used by a number of local parents and children taking access to the nearby primary school. A further benefit gained by locating the gates back 6 metres from the heel of the footway would mitigate the requirement to provide a new footway at this location.

I confirm I would not support this amendment and recommend refusal in the interest of road and pedestrian safety. I trust this is of assistance should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact myself.


Network & Environmental Manager

