

Email Exchange 19-20 September 2018 in relation to Highway Adoption matters

From: Richard Kay []
Sent: 19 September 2018 09:11
To: Reynolds Sue <>
Cc: Fitzsimons Colum <>
Subject: Urgent Duty To Cooperate matter - highway adoption policy

Dear Sue

At yesterday's public hearing into the examination of the ECDC Local Plan, the matter of parking policy was discussed.

The Inspector asked me, during the hearing session, to make contact with CCC in order to determine clarity on a particular matter.

A key deliberating matter yesterday was in respect of whether or not CCC would, in principle, adopt 'parking bays' (or similar) as part of the formal adoption of the highway. Obviously CCC would not adopt any such parking bays which were not to an agreed standard, but assuming such parking bays were to an agreed standard would CCC then agree to their adoption (under, presumably, S37 or s38 of the Highways Act 1980)?

More generally, does CCC have any comment on the suggested modifications to the 'additional guidance for dwellings' as set out in ECDC's statement, at Q18 (please limit any comments to the text either underlined or crossed through – it is not possible to make comments on unaltered text, as any such comments should have been made at the formal consultation stage).

Statement accessed here: <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Matter%207%20-%20%20Hearing%20Statement%20-%20Health%20etc%20-%20final.pdf> – go to page 6 (Q18).

In particular, does CCC have any comments on the last bullet point of such 'additional guidance for dwellings', as suggested to be amended, which makes it clear that parking on the highway can count towards the parking spaces required, provided such parking spaces meet the bullet point as set out.

There was uncertainty in the room yesterday as to whether or not CCC would permit the last bullet point to ever come into play, on any road it was expected to adopt in the future.

If the answer is not a simple 'yes, we normally would adopt', or 'no, we normally wouldn't adopt', then please set out details as to what sorts of circumstances CCC would consider adoption. If appropriate, any additional and/or alternative suggested word changes from yourself, for the 'additional guidance for developers', would also be welcome (especially in respect of the last bullet point).

On behalf of the Inspector, I would be grateful for your urgent attention to this matter.

Please note, that this email, and any correspondence you provide, will be placed on the public examination website.

Regards

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From: Reynolds Sue []
Sent: 19 September 2018 14:25
To: Richard Kay < >
Subject: RE: Urgent Duty To Cooperate matter - highway adoption policy

Good afternoon Richard,

There is some ambiguity in the question being asked given the content of your email and that contained within the Matter 7 Document. Your question in your email refers to parking bays whereas that contained within the Matter 7 Document refers simply to parking spaces on the highway.

You will appreciate that parking can occur on the highway without necessarily being within specifically constructed 'parking bays'.

However, I would advise that parking bays provided adjacent the carriageway to accommodate parking spaces required to meet the overall parking requirement of the development will NOT be adopted by the Highway Authority. Further, a development scheme that proposes parking spaces that are required to meet the overall parking requirement of the development being located within the carriageway will result in non adoption of that carriageway.

A layby that provides incidental utility for the passing public, for example adjacent a public open space or a shop facility, may be considered for adoption (along with the adjacent carriageway) by the Highway Authority

Consequently, if the last bullet point is to stand, it needs to be made clear that specific parking bays to accommodate such parking will not be adopted by CCC and such parking on carriageway is likely to compromise adoption of the road.

Hope this helps and clarifies the matter.

With kind regards

Sue

Sue Reynolds
Highway Development Manager
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From: Richard Kay []
Sent: 20 September 2018 09:30
To: Reynolds Sue <
Subject: RE: Urgent Duty To Cooperate matter - highway adoption policy

Hi Sue

Just for the avoidance of doubt, therefore, a scheme which looked like this, in a new build residential area, would highly unlikely be adopted by CCC as highway:



Sensitive on-street parking at Chingford Hall,
Waltham Forest

(Source: Urban Design Compendium, English Partnerships, page 79: accessed via:
<http://webapps.stoke.gov.uk/uploadedfiles/Urban%20Design%20Compendium%201.pdf>)

Thanks

Richard

From: Reynolds Sue

Sent: 20 September 2018 09:37

To: Richard Kay < >

Subject: RE: Urgent Duty To Cooperate matter - highway adoption policy

Richard

Given the content of my email....

The road would be considered for adoption (depending of course on carriageway width etc), but the parking spaces and laybys would not.

Kind regards

Sue

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