

DMPA/2019/1047 – 15 Derby Road, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5FP The variation of conditions no. 2 and 4 of permission ref. 9/2017/0092

Hilton Parish Council would like to support the proposed variation in conditions 2 and 4, but in the context of the other unresolved issues affecting that part of Derby Road and subject to that area of Derby Road being planned for a safe environment for all users.

In particular, Hilton Parish Council would like to understand if the proposal, which formed part of the Derby Road North planning application for a pedestrian crossing in that vicinity, is still under consideration.

If the pedestrian crossing is still proposed to be sited at the entrance of the jitty that connects Derby Road to Egginton Road, then the proposed variation of the above conditions becomes even more important to put more distance between the crossing and the access to the new houses. Even with the new position for the access the 'zig zag' lines denoting the no parking area around the crossing, will extend to the new access.

However, the proposed crossing also impinges on the existing bus stop. This was the subject of some debate in the Derby Road North planning application, but Hilton Parish Council has not seen any further developments to say whether the bus stop would need to be moved or the crossing relocated.

It has also been suggested that the speed limit on Derby Road would be reduced from 40mph to 30mph, but again, Hilton Parish Council has not seen any definitive statement on that issue either.

Hilton Parish Council would also observe that whilst the parking provision for the three houses meets the requirement of the Neighbourhood Plan, the parking space furthest from the road will be extremely difficult to enter if the adjacent parking bay is occupied and may not be possible.

Even if the space has been successfully parked in, unless other spaces are empty to enable the vehicle to turn round, the vehicle will have to reverse onto Derby Road, which is not a good idea.

There may be a temptation for residents and visitors to park on Derby Road rather than having to face these difficult manoeuvres, but this should be absolutely forbidden, not just in the 'zig zag' line area of the crossing itself but beyond that as well with the application of double yellow lines. Parking in the vicinity of the access will not only reduce visibility for any emerging vehicle but would also impair the visibility of pedestrians waiting to cross.

Hilton Parish Council would appreciate clarity on these issues and indeed if the understanding of these issues proves to be substantially different, Hilton parish Council may review its support for the variations of these conditions.