

## HIGHWAY CASE

The appeal site is served by a network of Class III County Roads which lead from Whimple through to Fairmile and Talaton. Between Whimple and the site the road is poorly aligned horizontally with a carriageway width which in general is under 5 metres wide. There are lengths of road having a carriageway width of only 4.5 metres and which is therefore of inadequate width to allow a car to pass a commercial vehicle. The roads are also without footways and have sparse street lighting. It is therefore considered that the additional traffic generated by the development will add further to the dangers of other road users. Pedestrians would be particularly at risk when walking to and from the school, church, shops etc., in Whimple, especially after the hours of darkness.

Each dwelling generates its own traffic and in Devon it has been observed as five No. daily movements in urban areas rising to eight in rural areas with limited bus servicing. In the case of this appeal, the proposal is for six dwellings and in the opinion of the Highway Authority the roads are unsuitable to carry the additional traffic with safety.

As to visibility, the proposal indicated an access adjoining No. 2 Sunnymead to serve three dwellings. Visibility from this access to the left would be acceptable but to the right the visibility would be obstructed by the boundary hedgebanks of the dwelling which did not form part of the application. Drivers of vehicles emerging from this access would do so with virtually no visibility of oncoming traffic, resulting in danger to all other road users. The visibility at the junction of the two Class III roads is also substandard to the left, falling well short of the desired 90 metres as recommended in PPG 13. The additional traffic using this junction, which would be generated by the three dwellings served off the Talaton road, would therefore add to the dangers of other road users.

For the above reasons it is recommended that this appeal be dismissed.

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