

Copeland area Planning Department, Cumberland Council

For the attention of Planning Officer

Date: 5 February 2025  
Your reference: 4/25/2023/0F1

Dear Planning Officer

## **CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION**

**Appn: 4/25/2023/0F1**  
**Site Address: 17 LAUREL BANK, WHITEHAVEN**  
**Proposal: ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND  
EXTENSION TO FRONT ELEVATION DRIVEWAY**

Thank you for your consultation on the above Planning Application.

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) and Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) can confirm as follows:

In principle we have no objection to the proposed extension.

The proposed driveway extension and proposed 2m boundary fence however does give us cause for concern as the fence could have an unacceptable impact on highway safety.

Currently drivers are afforded forward visibility when approaching the junction to Laurel Bank cul-de-sac, this also includes adequate pedestrian/vehicle inter-visibility. The proposed relocated fence will severely detract from the splays.

As presented the proposed fence also reduces the available junction visibility splay of the current 2 roads at this junction. By a rough scale this is reduced from circa 47m SSD to 36.5m measuring the hatched line on the plan, this is below the required 43m in this area which would be required when introducing access changes.

Also the proposed extended driveway visibility splays are also markedly reduced by the introduction of the fence.

As the matter stands at the moment we would have no alternative but to recommend refusal if the location of the proposed fence remains unchanged.

Yours sincerely

**Natalie Robinson**  
Planning Application Officer