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For attention of Mr Vallis

Dear Sirs

**Re: H/25/100267 At 50 GRANGE ROAD, NETLEY ABBEY,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5FE**

**Proposed vehicular access from Grange Road for Existing Dwellings 48,
50 and 52 Grange Road together with gates and piers.**

In regard to application H/25/100267, and following on from the previous HCC Highway's consultation response dated 06 November 2025, additional information has been received in support of the application.

During a site visit, temporary traffic lights were in place, and this prevented sight of normal situations and site specific measurements to be taken place.

Following the receipt of the additional information, it is now understood that there are issues with the existing shared site access, in that the geometries of the access make it difficult for two vehicles to pass each other when one is entering as another exits. This means that at times a vehicle has to wait on the highway, potentially unexpectedly for following vehicles, as a vehicle exits the site, and with it serving 6 dwellings, occurrences can be relatively frequent.

Additionally, it has been reported that roadside parking frequently occurs across the highway fronting the development site, and this blocks visibility for the existing egress utilised by the dwellings, and would also likely restrict turning movement for dwellings opposite.

Given the above, it could actually be argued that there could be a highway safety benefit from introducing the 3 independent access points, whereby such issues of conflict at the access would no longer occur. Additionally, due to the need for vehicle access drop kerbs to be kept clear, parking on the highway at this location could no longer occur, or would at least be restricted further than at the present time without the need to implement Traffic Regulation Order's which is again beneficial from a highway perspective.

Given the above, it can be confirmed that there is now **no objection** to the proposals from a highway perspective, subject to the following conditions.

CONDITIONS:

ACCESS CONSTRUCTION PROVISION

No use of the proposed vehicle access points shall start on site until the access, including the footway and/or verge crossing shall be constructed and lines of sight of 2.0 metres by 43.0 metres provided in accordance with the approved plans. The lines of sight splays shown on the approved plans shall be kept free of any obstruction exceeding 1 metre in height above the adjacent carriageway and shall be subsequently maintained so thereafter.

Reason - To provide satisfactory access and in the interests of highway safety.

GATES SET BACK PROVISION

Any gates provided shall be set back a distance of 6.0m from the edge of the carriageway of the adjoining highway.

Reason - In the interests of highway safety.

Finally, whilst as noted in the previous HCC Highway response, an application within 10.0m of a highway access (15.0m on a classified road) will automatically be rejected though the 'Core Pre-Conditions' process, it is understood that the access opposite the site to The Paddocks only serves 9 dwellings. Such development quantum would typically come forward with a shared dual width driveway access given the relative infrequency of movements, rather than a formal bell-mouth as provided due to visibility issues from the site. This should be taken into account.

As such, it would be recommended that this be outlined in the future application to HCC for the specific drop kerb vehicle crossovers requested, should this planning application to EBC be granted permission, given that trip rates through the junction will be less than typically anticipated for such a design.

It would also be recommended that the application is put forward to HCC Engineers as a S171, details of which can be found via the following web address:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/licencesandpermits/roadopening/section171>

Yours faithfully,

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