

Application for Proposed Off-Road Parking Space and Dropped Kerb 109 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HG December 2023

Introduction

- 1. Transport Dynamics have been commissioned by Mr T Chipps to provide traffic and transport advice to support a planning application to provide a single proposed off street vehicular parking space at 109 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk.
- 2. A site location and existing site plan is provided at **Appendix A**. This application follows a previous planning application. The proposal has been refined and improved.

Existing Site & Proposed Arrangement

- 3. Withersfield Road (A1307) runs north west to south east through Haverhill, while the A1307 itself to the north west connects with the A11 and ends at a junction in central Haverhill with the A143.
- 4. In the vicinity of the application site Withersfield Road has a 30mph speed limit and an above average highway width. With wide footways on both sides of the highway. Street lighting and Double Yellow Lines are present, along with a hatched central white line area.
- 5. The proposal provides a dedicated off-street vehicular parking space for a property which currently does not possess off-street parking.
- 6. The proposal therefore allows for electric vehicle charging facilities to be provided and for a vehicle to be charged privately, while at the same time removing one parked vehicle from an on-street position. The proposal allows for vehicles to enter and exit in forward gear.
- 7. Numerous other properties along Withersfield Road have obtained planning consent for similar off-street parking spaces, setting a clear precedent for such a proposal.
- 8. The proposal drawing is provided at **Appendix B** which details an embedded parking space set within part of the wide front garden area.

Visibility Splay Assessment & Swept Path Analysis

- 9. **Drawing PCD/523/001/B** at **Appendix C** details two visibility splay assessments. The first being the achievable visibility to the carriageway edge and the second with a carriageway edge offset from the proposed space.
- 10. It should be noted that he required 43m can be achieved from the proposed embedded off-street parking bay.
- 11. In addition, the same drawing details 1.5m x 1.5m pedestrian intervisibility, both to the west and east of the proposed embedded parking bay.



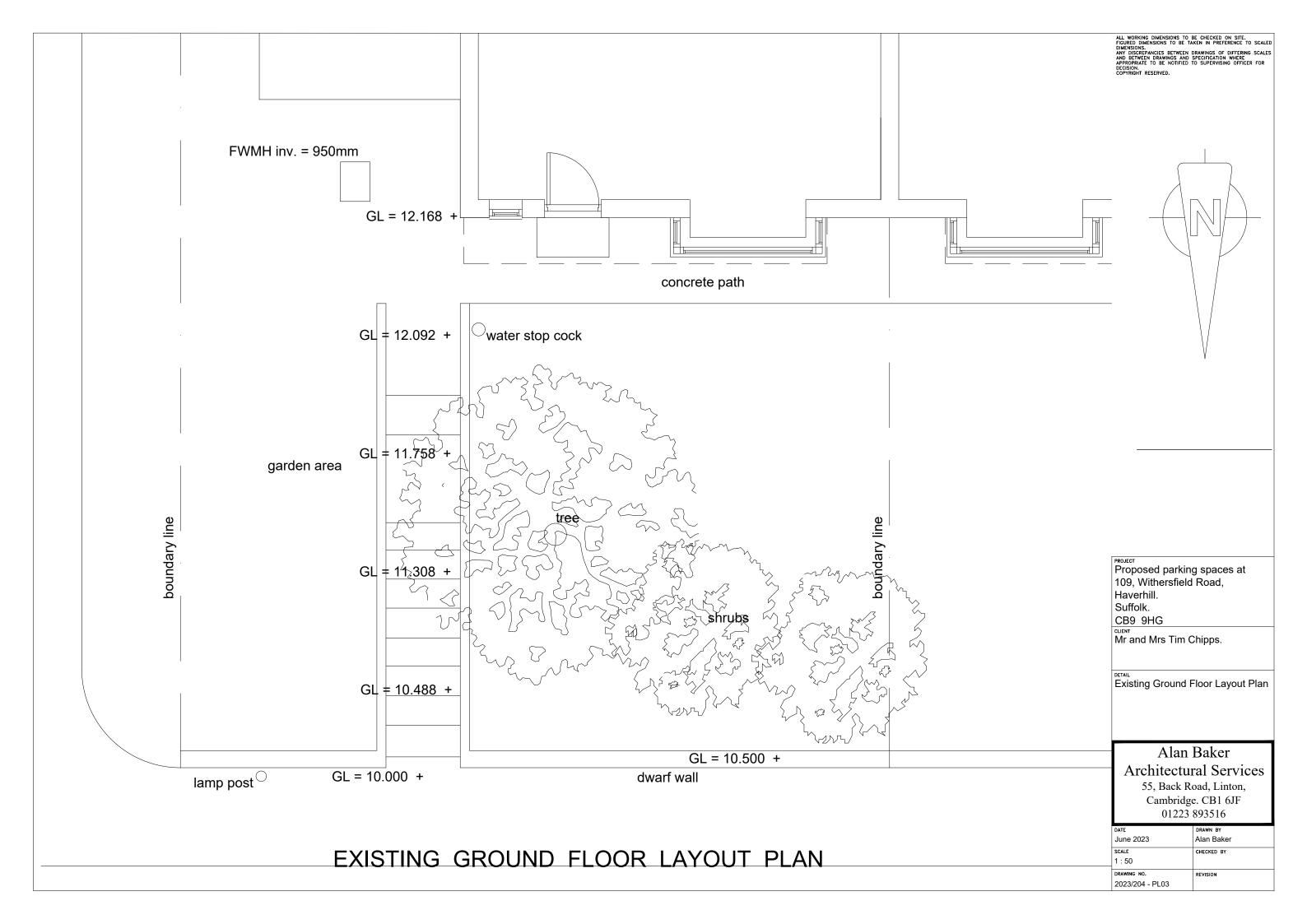
- 12. Also provided at **Appendix C** is Drawing **PCD/523/TRO1/B** detailing swept path analysis of the proposed embedded parking bay.
- 13. The drawing details the movement of vehicles into and out of the proposed embedded bay. It should be noted that the existing lamp column is likely to require relocation.
- 14. As can be seen suitable visibility splays can be achieved both to the east and to the west of the proposal. Vehicles can also enter and exit in forward gear.
- 15. Dedicated off-street provision and an approved dropped kerb will remove the need for the applicant to park elsewhere on the public highway, and will also allow safe on foot access for the family of the applicant.
- 16. Off-street access provision also allows the opportunity for electric vehicle charging facilities to be installed, thereby potentially reducing harmful vehicle emissions.
- 17. Furthermore the facility also removes the need for a vehicle to temporarily half hitch between the footway and carriageway to load and unload, removing a highway safety danger.

Summary

- 18. This statement supports a planning application for the creation of an off-street embedded parking bay at 109 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk.
- 19. Suitable visibility splays of 43m in either direction and suitable pedestrian intervisibility of 1.5m x 1.5m can be achieved both to the east and to the west of the proposal.
- 20. Dedicated off-street vehicular provision and an approved dropped kerb will remove the need for the applicant to park elsewhere on the public highway, and will also allow safe on foot access for the family of the applicant.
- 21. Off-street access provision also allows the opportunity for electric vehicle charging facilities to be installed, thereby potentially reducing harmful vehicle emissions.
- 22. In conclusion, and on the basis of the above, the proposed access arrangement should not be refused on traffic and transport grounds.
- 23. The cumulative residual transport impacts of the proposal will not be 'severe' on the local highway network and therefore under the guidance of the NPPF, planning permission should not be resisted or refused on traffic and transport grounds.
- 24. In summary it is therefore considered that the proposal is acceptable in transport planning terms and as such there are no traffic or transportation reasons why the proposal should not be supported.

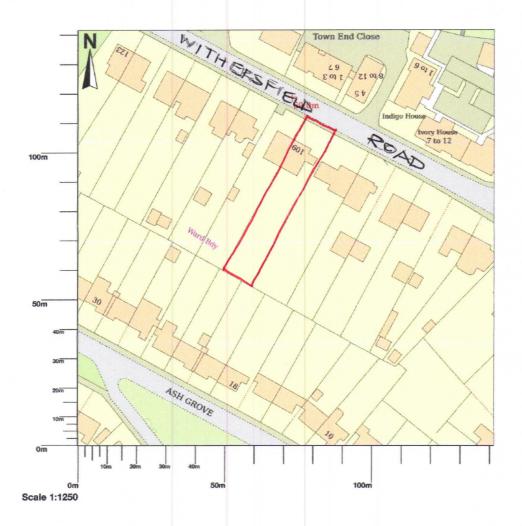


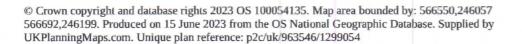
Appendix A





109, Withersfield Road, Haverhill









Appendix B



Appendix C

