Land South of 26 New Road, Warboys, Huntingdon – Application Number: 25/00742/FUL.

Responses to observations of Warboys Town / Parish Council

We note your comment of objection but we respectfully wish to respond to the particular comments made in order to assist you further:

1. The plans referring to the A141 as 'New Road'. According to OS and Google Maps the section of A141 appears to be named New Road for its entirety between the two B1040 (North and South) roundabouts. I appreciate this appears to be misleading as the private section of road is also 'New Road'.
2. Proposed footway of between 1 and 2m unsuitable for safe pedestrian use. Please see Proposed footpath layout Drawing: 5962-PA17 produced by Wincer Kievenaar. The layout has been produced following discussion with Highways. Highways consider a 1.5m footway suitable for the foot traffic proposed by the development. In the section within the National Speed Limit zone Highways require a 0.5m verge between the road and footway. Please be reassured that as with all highway works the design and construction will be backed up with a series of independent Road Safety Audit stages prior to being adopted by Highways.
3. No Scope to widen footway as the hedge is privately owned. A topographical survey was carried out on the main road, the verge and the hedge. Drawing 5962-PA17 shows the current extent of the hedge and the footway widths required. With only minor trimming in places the hedge will not obstruct the footway width requirement. Please also note though following verification by the Highways Boundary Team the land between the private 'New Road' and the A141 (therefore including the hedge) was acquired by the County Council in January 1945. The hedge therefore is in the ownership and control of Highways and not owned by the residents of the private 'New Road'.
4. Existing signage would obstruct visibility. Your observations are absolutely correct, this sign will require raising up in order not to obstruct visibility from the proposed access. The extent of which will be considered at Highways design stage and will also be included within the series of Road Safety Audits prior to Highways adoption.