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RE: ***Application description***

Proposal: Construction of 6no. dwellings with associated garages, amenity space and shared surface access road
Location: Land South East of 26 New Road Warboys

Following a review of the documents provided to the Highway Authority as part of the above planning application it was noted that the applicant has provided a response to the Parish Council stating that the hedge is in the ownership and control of the LHA and not the residents of the private section of New Road, which had been confirmed by our Highway Asset Information Searches team.

However, after reviewing the detailed land acquisition records for the A141 further, our Highway Asset Information Searches team has established that the hedge was in fact conveyed to the adjacent landowners and therefore the LHA has no control over it, albeit we can require certain acts of maintenance to ensure that it doesn't encroach onto the public highway.

The applicant has provided Drawing PA_17 showing a 1.5m wide footway with a 0.5m verge adjacent to the National Speed Limit section of New Road and a 1.5m footway adjacent to the 30mph section of New Road which, on plan, appears to be achievable within the highway verge with only minor trimming of the hedge. However, it should be noted that the 0.5m wide verge would not be accepted as it would not be maintainable. This should be additional footway width with a broken, white marking to provide segregation.

To ascertain the feasibility of the construction of a footway, officers conducted a site visit and noted that the base of the hedge is at a lower level than the carriageway and do not believe that the construction of a footway is achievable within the constraints

without significant engineering works, particularly when relevant construction levels are taken into account i.e. kerb heights, footway gradients etc.

We would therefore request that the application is not determined until a detailed design for the footway based on a topographic survey, including existing and proposed levels, drainage features, and cross-sections has been provided and approved.

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