

Planning Application  
For the provision of a  
DROP KERB  
providing field access  
along  
Barnsley Road Brierley

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# Design Statement

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following design and access statement provides the local authority with details of proposed minor works, relating to a drop kerb, constructed off Barnsley Road, Brierley providing access into an existing field. The drop kerb will be undertaken by the local authorities highways department to their standard protocols and specification. Application for the works to be carried out will be applied if planning approval is granted.

## 2.0 THE SITE

The existing field is in the ownership of the applicant who seeks to install a drop kerb to provide vehicular access to the existing field set to the north side of Barnsley Road, Brierley. The proposed site area is enclosed as etched in red in the photograph below, with all boundaries' representative of a rural location which will remain, as drawing 26/00. However, to the south boundary and running parallel with Barnsley Road an open concrete post and rail fence is in existence. Which is in the ownership of the local authority (BMBC). This fence has suffered historic damage which occurred between 2022 and 2023 culminating in 4No sections being removed. The local authority with duty of care has provided temporary safety barriers as photograph fig 2&3 depicts.

FIG 1 Showing site boundaries in the ownership of applicant and siting of the proposed drop down kerb.



FIG 2 Ariel view showing damage to highway fencing in 22/2023 with temporary safety barriers discarded by vandals into the field owned by the applicant also into the footway where it becomes a safety concern for pedestrians and motor vehicles traveling along the footway and highway.



Fig 3 Photograph showing a view of the damaged fencing with temporary safety barrier which has repeatedly been put back in position by the owner of the field



### 3.0 THE SITE

To stop the repeating on- going problems, with regard to the temporary protective barriers regularly being dislodged by vandalism and cast into the owner’s field or more dangerously onto the highway, and footway. A double set of rural 5 bar gates have been installed to the width of the missing fence sections, within the fields curtilage to provide access when the drop kerb is formed.

### 4.0 SOCIAL CONTEXT

The proposal does not change the usage of the existing area to which the application relates and conforms to the current national and local authority’s planning policies. Consideration has been given to the overall impact the new gated entry and drop kerb will have on the openness of the area in this location. With conclusions drawn that there is no greater injury afforded to the green belt with the construction of the proposed gated access and drop kerb than existed before, as the topography of the land combined with the existing surroundings still maintains a rural theme. Clear sight lines from the new drop kerb gives a clear view of the oncoming traffic for a distance of 120 metres when traveling along Barnsley Road towards Hemsworth to the north east and 230 metres when traveling towards Cudworth/Grimethorpe to the south west. (as shown in the aerial view below)



## 5.0 SURROUNDINGS

The immediate surroundings consist of existing detached dwellings to the west while to the north, south and east open fields are prevalent.

## 6.0 PLANNING POLICIES (National)

The following policies have been taken into account in the submission of this application.  
National Policies

PPG 7 ( ) policy E 24, E27, E29 , E31, E32.

NPPF Chapter 13 Protection of green belt land Feb 2019

Local Policies

Adopted Local Plan 2019 Chapter 18 Green belt & Safeguarded Land

Policy GB1. The green belt will be protected from inappropriate development in accordance with the National Planning Policy.

## 7.0 DESIGN OF THE SCHEME

The overall design of the drop kerb is to the South Yorkshire highways standard and specification. This combined with the timber entry gates continues a rural environment the use of traditional and like for like construction mediums has been considered, in relation to the overall aesthetic appearance and impact the works would have on the immediate locality which is in line with the 2018 GDPO.

## 8.0 LAND USE (Existing)

a) Is this justified in terms of :-

Site and surroundings – The timber gated entry and minor works relating to the construction of a drop kerb will not be igneous to the green belt or detract from it.

b) Land use – The site area forms land highlighted in the adopted local plan 2019 as green belt the land usage will not change and remain dominant for agricultural use.

c) Land use – There is no loss of agricultural land with the construction of the drop down kerb or construction of the gated access.

## 9.0 AMMOUNT

Is their justification for?:-

How much development is proposed:-

The proposal is for minor works relating to the installation of a drop kerb to provide a safe point of access and egress from the field, as the current situation relating to the temporary barriers is considered not fit for purpose,

1. The drop kerb will provide an effective means of access and egress to the field which is used on a daily basis.
2. The drop kerb provides a safe transfer from the highway to the field.
3. The construction of the gated entry point is a subsidiary aid in securing vehicles, plant and machinery from opportunist and the more sinister organised factions which target rural locations.
4. A gated access significantly diminishes the potential risk of theft from the site.

## 10.0 APPEARANCE

Is the following justified, in terms of materials used:-

1. The as built materials used for the gated access is a timber representative of rural style access points.
2. Materials for the construction of the drop kerb is will be the standard requirements relating to the LA's (BMBC) specification. Ie Matching kerbs in height and width with tarmacadam as infill to the public footway as the existing.

Fig 4 photograph showing in situ double 5 bar rural style gates



## 11.0 CONCLUDING STATEMENT

- 11.1 This design and access statement is written in support of a prior notification for planning approval for the construction of a drop kerb to provide vehicular access into the existing field, situated to the north off Barnsley Road, Brierley.
- 11.2 The proposed works represent minor cosmetic works, carried out by the local authorities' highways department thus meeting the requirements of national, regional and local planning policies, and therefore the local authority should be supportive of the scheme.