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Application: 260716



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Dear WBC Highways,

PD Railway Works Consultation

Application Number: 260716

Applicant: Lisa Bullock

Site Address: Warren Road Bridge, Sonning, Reading, RG4 6SY

Parish: Sonning

Grid Reference: Easting - 475629.4, Northing - 174210.1

Type of Development:

Proposal: Prior approval submission for alterations to existing railway overbridge parapets to increase height, installation of anti-climb fencing, and associated highway works including kerbing, road markings and signage at Warren Road Bridge, Sonning.

Case Officer: Connie Davis

Development Management has received the above application, and we require your comments on the proposal using the recommended memorandum below. The documents associated with this are available to view in NEC DM using the application number 260716. Alternatively, public documents are available to view on the Council's planning application search page: [Wokingham Borough Council Online Planning](#).

Please index your response into NEC DM against the application. If you are recommending conditions, you should give a reason with reference to relevant policies. A list of standard conditions can be requested from the case officer.

Your observations are required in respect of this application by **16 May 2026**.

Yours sincerely,
Development Management & Compliance

MEMORANDUM

From:	JP		
Service	WBC Highways	App No:	260716
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Type of Development:			
Site Visit Made:	Yes/No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☒ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

The applicant has proposed safety improvement works on Warren Road Bridge, including rising the height of overbridge parapets, installing fences and altering the kerbing, road markings and signages. The applicant confirms that the bridge itself will not be widened, raised or rebuilt.

The proposed clearance of the carriageway is 4.115m. While Drawing No. 02003-BBR-DRG-CIV-0001 for existing general arrangement has been stated in the cover letter, it has not been submitted. The applicant is required to clarify the existing carriageway clearance of Warren Road Bridge to ensure the proposed works will have no negative impacts to the free flow of traffic along the bridge nor safety for road users. Clarification is required.

Similarly, the mentioned Drawing No. 02003-BBR-DRG-CIV-0005 for proposed road markings and signage has not been included as part of the submission. The Highways Authority is uncertain what regulatory and warning signs are being proposed as part of the management measures. Clarification is required.

The construction details will require technical acceptance by the Highway Agreements team separately.

Should there be any anticipated impact from construction vehicles, equipment, road or rail closures, then the applicant will need to liaise with WBC Streetworks Team and obtain the necessary permit/approval prior to commencement of works.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Subject to Drawing No. 02003-BBR-DRG-CIV-0001 and Drawing No. 02003-BBR-DRG-CIV-0005 have been provided with acceptable details, the Highways will recommend the following to be secured:

1. I24 (AMENDED) - S.278 WORKS

The developer's attention is drawn to the fact that this permission does not authorise the physical construction of the proposed highway works on the public highway. A separate legal agreement made with the Council under s.278 of the Highways Act 1980 is required. No work within or affecting the public highway shall commence until the agreement has been completed and the Council, as local highway authority, has approved all construction and installation details together with a programme of works.

2. I27 - WORKS AFFECTING THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Date:	11/5/2026	Signed:	JP
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