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Planning Department
Wokingham Borough Council
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Attn: Rowan Reynolds

26th May 2026

Ref: 26.17.01

Dear Sir,

APPLICATION 260608 - RISELEY RECREATION GROUND, ODIHAM ROAD, RISELEY, RG7 1SD – PROPOSED HEIGHT BARRIER

I refer to the consultation responses from the Green Infrastructure Officer (2nd April 2026) and the Highway Officer (2nd April 2026). Please find attached revised drawing numbers 26.17 – 002A, 003A and 004 which respond to the points raised.

Green Infrastructure

The officer is concerned whether the proposed height barrier will impact upon vegetation and trees. Drawings 26.17 – 002A and 003A provide additional details on the siting and design of the barrier. The barrier will be located inside the site and constructed within the existing tarmac area of the car park. As such, there will be no impact on the vegetation or trees that are located on the highway side of the site boundary. If deemed necessary, a condition relating to the provision of tree protection fencing during the erection of the barrier could be imposed.

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Drawings 26.17 – 002A and 003A provide additional details relating to the dimensions of the barrier and the location of the catch pole.

Drawing 26.17 – 004 shows the tracking of a large car turning into and out of the existing access. This can be achieved without alterations to the width of the access.

Larger vehicles (deliveries, bottle bank collection, fire access) only attend the site during the day when there is always a member of the parish council present. As such, and in common with many public facilities that use height barriers, the barrier will be opened to allow access by these vehicles. This is not an unusual situation.

The request for alterations to the existing crossover access to provide an access junction is unreasonable and unjustified. In practice, many vehicles exit the car park via the wider and safer “entry”. The exit onto Odiham Road has poor driver visibility and this is why the proposals include the closure of the exit by bollards. This is seen as a material highway safety benefit. The highway officer cites “potential conflicts with pedestrians” as justification for the access alterations. However, in a built up area, the use of a crossover access is considered to be the safest layout as it gives priority to pedestrians over motorists.

The requested visibility splays are shown on drawing 26.17 – 002A.

I have included details of the type of bollards to be installed at the existing “exit”. The bollards will be a minimum of 1.5m apart to provide the minimum access width advised in “Inclusive Mobility”.

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I trust the above information and the revised drawings are sufficient to address the points raised by the consultees. Please let me know if you require anything further.

Yours faithfully,



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Director

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VISIBILITY 2.4m X 43m

Hall



Hall



SIGNPOST

PEDESTRIAN VISIBILITY
SPLAYS
2.4m X 2.4m

VISIBILITY 2.4m X 43m

EXIT

EXISTING

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NEW CATCH POST

NEW HEIGHT BARRIER

METAL BOLLARDS

PROPOSED

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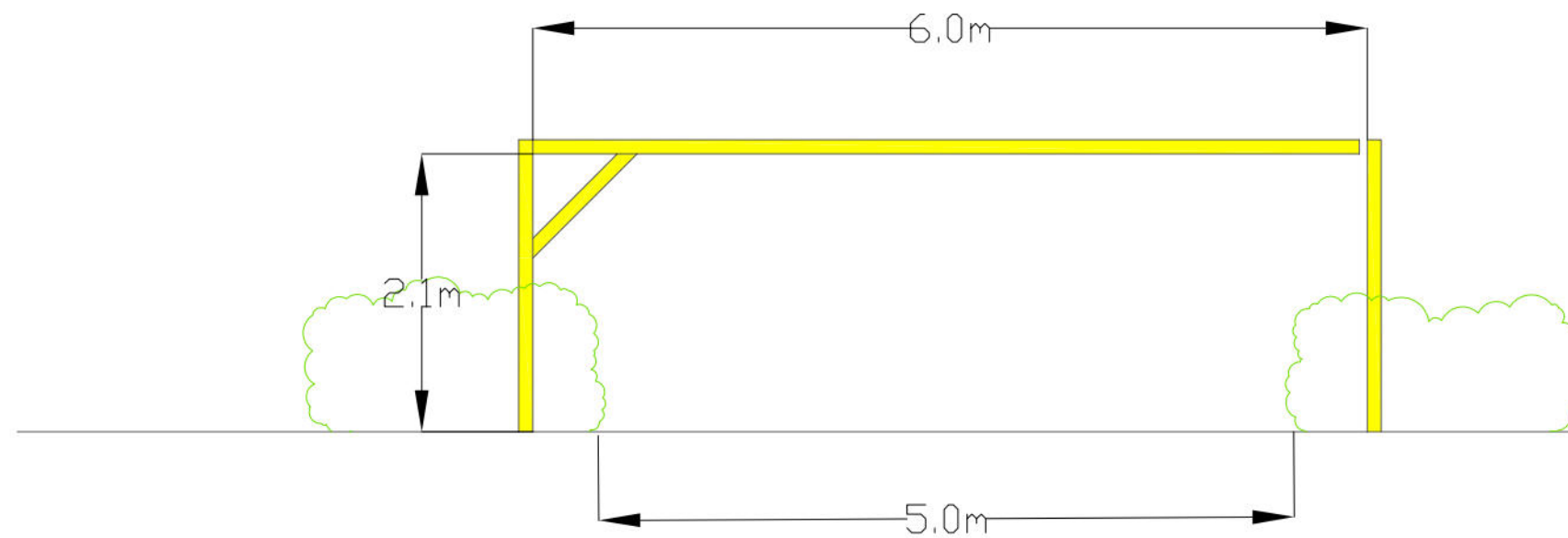
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