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Afternoon Robert,

Whilst I would raise no objection to the principle of a residential development in this location the proposed access as submitted would be unacceptable for the following reasons

1 The applicant has used the Manual for Streets Guidance to determine the appropriate visibility splays required for a road with a 30mph speed limit. A recent traffic survey (April 2015) indicated 85th %ile speeds of 35mph northbound and 34mph southbound, I would also consider that the use of MfS would be inappropriate as Whalley Road is classified as a strategic route (A666) . The appropriate visibility splays should therefore be sought from DB 32 which would equate to 2.4m x 80m

2 The applicant has shown a reduction in the height of the boundary wall to assist in the provision of the sight lines and the removal of vegetation, however the visibility would only be available if there is no vegetation planted or allowed to grow behind the boundary wall. A better solution and one that would be of benefit to the residents and wider community would be to relocate the boundary wall a minimum of 2.0m back from the kerb edge.

Subject to revised plans being submitted incorporating the above, I would raise no objection to the proposal on highway grounds, however as submitted I would have to recommend that the application be refused on the grounds that a safe access to the proposed development has not been demonstrated as achievable.

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