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Location: 70 Mellor Brow Mellor BB2 7EX
Proposal: Proposed alterations to front boundary retaining wall including repointing, increase in height, new copings, steel railings along the top of wall and removal of existing hedge.
Grid Ref: 364744 431015

Dear Lucy Walker

With regard to your consultation letter dated 28 January 2026, I have the following comments to make based on all the information provided by the applicant to date.

Lancashire County Council acting as the Local Highway Authority (LHA) does not consider that the application as submitted fully assesses the highway impact of the proposed development and further information is required as set out in this response.

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) are in receipt of an application for the proposed alterations to a front boundary retaining wall including repointing, increase in height, new copings, steel railings along the top of wall and removal of existing hedge at 70 Mellor Brow, Mellor.

The LHA has reviewed the proposed plans and elevations and has some concerns regarding the proposal's impact on the visibility of the applicant's driveway. The access appears to have made use of a traffic mirror pointed in the direction of the wall which forms part of the proposal which indicates that there has already been concerns over visibility at this location.

The LHA acknowledges that the removal of the vegetation which currently sits over boundary wall will improve visibility and that the proposed railings in place of the hedge will allow drivers to see through rather than obstruct visibility like the existing hedge.

However, there are concerns over increasing the height of the wall which includes a section which sit 1.7m above the carriageway level, given the height of the existing wall the LHA would accept the wall being replaced to 1m in height above the carriageway level

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however to optimise visibility the LHA would advise that the wall to be no higher than 0.9m above the carriageway level.

The applicant could also provide a visibility splay drawing at the access which would provide a clear picture of if and how much of the wall falls within the access's visibility.

The visibility splay shall be based on the posted speed limit of 30mph in line with Table 7.1 of Manual for Streets. The splay should be set back 2.4 metres from the centre of the access and extending 43 metres along the nearside carriageway edge.

The LHA would look for nothing to be erected, retained, planted and / or allowed to grow at or above a height of 1 metre above the nearside carriageway level, which falls within the visibility splays.

In summary, the applicant should consider reducing the wall height to no more than 1m above the carriageway level or provide a visibility splay drawing set back 2.4 metres from the centre of the access and extending 43 metres along the nearside carriageway edge, anything which falls within the visibility splay will need to be no higher than 1m above the carriageway level.

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