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Technical Note

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Church Lane, Lydden

20-045-005 Rev -

Technical Note – KCC Comments

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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Charles & Associates (C&A) provided a Transport Statement¹ to support a planning application for land at Church Lane, Lydden.²
- 1.1.2 The site is allocated for residential development in the emerging Dover Local Plan and the TS included site access arrangements which are informed by the emerging policy requirements. This was supported by a Road Safety Audit with a Designer's Response from C&A.
- 1.1.3 Since the application was submitted, Kent County Council Highways (KCC) have provided comments on transport and highways matters and this note provides an update.

¹ Reference 20-045-002 Rev B

² Dover District Council ref 23/01061

2 Access from Church Lane

2.1 Policy Requirement

2.1.1 The emerging policy for the site states:

 e - Primary vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access to the site shall be provided from Church Lane. Site access is to be designed to physically prevent access/egress to/from Church Lane to the north;
f - Alterations are required at the two Canterbury Road junctions to manage vehicle movements;

2.2 Response

- 2.2.1 C&A showed a design to address these points in the Transport Statement which included a Road Safety Audit. Following further engagement with KCC Highways the design has been revised as shown in **Appendix A**.
- 2.2.2 **Drawing 20-045-009** shows a footway of at least 1m width from the site access along Church Lane to Canterbury Road. This is within highway land, achieved partly by extending into the existing carriageway and partly tying into the existing adopted highway that extends partially across the frontage of Lydden Garage.
- 2.2.3 The Church Lane carriageway adjacent to the pond would have at least 3.2m width. This 'pinch point' would be controlled by a give-way arrangement for southbound traffic with sufficient intervisibility between northbound and southbound vehicles.
- 2.2.4 As before, Church Lane behind the pond is marked as a one-way section which formalises existing behaviour.
- 2.2.5 The applicant is aware that local farm vehicles sometimes use Church Lane and so Drawing24-045-010 shows swept paths for the worst-case maximum legal 16.5m articulated vehicle.
- 2.2.6 To facilitate southbound HGVs the grass island facing Canterbury Road has been partially replaced with an over-run area. In conjunction with a new 'Keep Left' bollard, this will guide vehicles turning right into Church Lane to do so after the island and not before.

- 2.2.7 A southbound HGV would use the full carriageway width but only enters the opposing traffic lane beyond the point where the HGV driver can establish that there are no oncoming (northbound) vehicles. The full extent of the forward visibility envelope is shown for the southbound HGV, confirming that the driver could see ahead to any on-coming vehicles. The driver could also see any pedestrians on the footway but would <u>not</u> need to over-run the footway in any case.
- 2.2.8 The proposed access accords with the emergency policy requirements and would ensure safe and suitable access for all users in accordance with NPPF paragraph 114b.

Appendix A Revised Access Arrangements



