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Description - Supporting statement to accompany a planning application for a new drop kerb.

Address – Land adjacent to Plas Bennion Road, Penycae, Wrexham.

Client – Mr A. Hughes.

To whom it may concern,

Supporting Statement for Proposed Drop Kerb to Field Entrance

This statement is submitted in support of the planning application for the installation of a new vehicular dropped kerb to serve an existing field entrance. The proposal is intended to improve highway safety, ensure safe access, and formalise the current point of entry.

1. Site Context and Existing Access
The site is served by an existing field gate set back approximately 7.5 m from the highway boundary. The adjoining road operates under a 30 mph maximum speed limit. Currently, vehicles entering and leaving the site must navigate a full-height kerb, which can result in unsafe manoeuvres and unnecessary obstruction to other road users.

2. Proposed Works
The proposal includes the installation of a dropped kerb with an overall length of approximately 15 m, including the concrete ramp kerb sections. This length ensures a smooth and safe transition for vehicles accessing the field while meeting typical highway authority standards for agricultural and wider-access entrances.

A channel drain will be installed across the width of the entrance to ensure surface water is contained within the site and does not discharge onto the public highway, thereby meeting sustainable drainage and highway safety requirements.

3. Safety and Operational Considerations
The gate's setback distance of 7.5 m provides sufficient space for vehicles to pull off the highway safely before stopping to open or close the gate. This avoids any need for vehicles to wait on the carriageway and therefore maintains traffic flow and minimises potential risks.

Temporary parking space for work or agricultural vehicles will also be available within the entrance area during gate operation. This arrangement further ensures that no obstruction will occur on the highway.

4. Benefits of the Proposal

- Improved safety for vehicles entering and leaving the site by removing the current need to mount a full-height kerb.
- Reduced risk of vehicle damage and unnecessary slowing or swerving on the carriageway.
- Prevention of surface water run-off onto the road through the installation of a channel drain.
- Formalisation of the access in accordance with good practice and typical local highway authority standards.

5. Conclusion
The proposed dropped kerb and associated improvements will enhance safety for both site users and the travelling public. The design ensures compliance with highway considerations and provides a well-drained, clearly defined, and safe access point. The application therefore represents a positive and beneficial upgrade to the existing field entrance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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