

SECTION B – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

APPEALS DETERMINED

a) Planning Appeals

Appeal Ref: A2019/0001 **Planning Ref:** P2018/0911

PINS Ref: APP/Y6930/A/19/3221806

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Gaunt - Morris

Proposal: Dwelling (outline all matters reserved)

Site Address: Land adjacent to 47 Danygraig Road, Trebanos,
Pontardawe SA8 4DS

Appeal Method: Written Representations

Decision Date: 23rd May 2019

Decision: Appeal Allowed

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The application was originally refused on highway grounds, with objections raised based on the alignment and narrow width of the junction of Danygraig Road with Swansea Road, together with the substandard width and geometry of the highway network from the junction to the plot, including the lack of suitable passing spaces, which Officers considered should preclude any additional development served off this access and highway, due to additional vehicular movements and conflict.

The Inspector stated that improvement works on the junction of Swansea Road and Danygraig Road had improved and parking restrictions and chevrons provided in order to improve visibility for vehicles exiting onto the main road.

While the Highway Authority stated that vehicles having to access Danygraig Road from the south must move to the centre of the road in order to negotiate the junction entrance, the Inspector considered that

the movements associated with an additional dwelling would not exacerbate any perceived problem to a significant degree.

While noting that the road leading to the site is narrow with poor forward visibility, as a result he saw that traffic speeds are low and care has to be exercised by drivers to negotiate the sharp bends and difficult pinch points. There was also no evidence of accidents and the Inspector observed that drivers exercised particular care approaching the sharp bend close to the site. He therefore concluded that the proposal would not be detrimental to highway safety.

With regard to pedestrian safety, even though the proposal could slightly increase pedestrian use and there are no footways, the factors identified above led him to a similar conclusion in respect of pedestrian safety, especially as there is an alternative pedestrian route available nearby via Graig Road to the east.

The Inspector thus concluded that the increase of traffic that would be generated by one further dwelling would not lead to significant highway safety issues and as such the proposal would not conflict with LDP Policies BE1, SP20 and TR1. The appeal was therefore allowed.