

My ref: Pre-App Mickey Flynnns. Mill Road
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Dear Julian,

Re: Pre-application enquiry – Mill Road, Cambridge

I refer to our recent meeting regarding the above site and the in-principle layouts that you provided.

I will comment on the feasibility and, if appropriate, administration arrangements for amending the Traffic Regulation Orders governing deliveries and waiting on this section of Mill Road, however, in the interim, I have sought an informal opinion from my colleagues in the Safety Team regarding the layby and semi-layby arrangement.

Dealing first with the semi-layby option, my colleagues were concerned about the potential for pinching accidents where cyclists are caught between the stationary vehicle and an overtaking vehicle as they pull out round the vehicle, and the available width between the far kerb and the side of the delivery vehicle. If this is too wide there is a potential to encourage cars to pass a cyclist passing the delivery vehicle at speed (in either direction) whilst a narrower gap may encourage drivers to squeeze a cyclist against the side of the delivery vehicle.

The layby option, whilst removing the delivery vehicle completely from the carriageway, raised the concern that, when leaving the layby, the delivery driver may concentrate on pulling out into traffic and, with his attention on that issue, may squeeze a pedestrian against the wall of Number 103.

Given these issues I would feel unable to support either option.

Note: These are officer comments only giving an informal opinion about the principle of the proposal and the main issues involved from the perspective of the Local



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Yours sincerely,

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