



WA/63/21

Tye Lane Pavement

Inclusive Mobility (Department for Transport, 2005) provides guidance on the dimensions of footways. Paragraph 3.1 states:

A clear width of 2000mm allows two wheelchairs to pass one another comfortably. This should be regarded as the minimum under normal circumstances. Where this is not possible because of physical constraints 1500mm could be regarded as the minimum acceptable under most circumstances, giving sufficient space for a wheelchair user and a walker to pass one another.

The absolute minimum, where there is an obstacle, should be 1000mm clear space. The maximum length of restricted width should be 6 metres.

The footway to be provided on Tye Lane under WA/63/21/PL is below 1500mm for approximately 50 m, with approximately 25 m being 1.2 m. The proposed footway is non-compliant with DfT guidance on Inclusive Mobility.

Access

These photos clearly show the big difference between Yapton and Tye Lanes in terms of suitability.

Yapton Lane

Long straight road, 7m wide with good pavement either side of the entrance.



Tye Lane

Narrow country lane, “approximately 4.8m along much of its length” (Technical note pdf page 16 – 2.3), pavement to be installed on one side south of the entrance where cars currently park (photo 2)



Tye Lane – post indicates edge of proposed pavement

