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FAO The Planning Officer
re: planning application DMS/102832/F

Dear Sir/Madam

Hope Mansel Parish Council has instructed me to write to the Herefordshire Council Planning Department with the formal comments regarding planning application DMS/102832/F.

Great concern has been expressed over the dangers of Cobrey Farms vehicles using the Coughton to Ryeford road (C1275), particularly along the stretch from the Cobrey Farms complex to the main A40 road at Ryeford. A complete lack of appropriate passing places for the use of large lorries and tractors (often with large trailers) along this road is a serious affront to highway safety.

Given the continuous expansion of the Cobrey Farms site, Hope Mansel Parish Council would ask the planning officer to require that properly tarmaced passing places are created by the planning applicant before permission for this application is granted. The absolute minimum expected of any reasonable large scale agricultural business at this stage would be to provide:

1) One proper passing place opposite Wallow Farm (a ?corkscrew? section of road in dire need substantial alteration for this purpose) which will necessitate increasing the splay on the field gate.

2) Another proper passing place further along the road towards Pontshill.

It is stressed that the creation of these passing places is essential to ensure highway safety for all users of the C1275 road. The implementation of such provisions at this stage would conveniently coincide with the further increases in farm traffic to and from the Cobrey Farms sites.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully

Rex Robins
(Hope Mansel Parish Council clerk)