

From: Hugh and Pippa Morgan
Sent: 31 January 2017 10:15
To: Close, Roland <rclose@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: 163327- Highways

Dear Mr Close.

I refer to our conversation regarding the junction visibility at the junction with the B4348. As you have seen, the neighbouring farmer has cut the hedge and this has improved the situation in terms of visibility splays. I note your comments that the visibility splay is still obstructed to the right when measured from a 2.4m setback.

I made the point on the telephone that this development will only generate HGV traffic with 2 lorries per week. From the drivers position in a HGV, there is no problem whatsoever with the visibility splays at the junction with the B4348 and the driver has a view which far exceeds the statutory requirements based on the speed. I would therefore formally invite yourself and Jill Tookey-Williams to visit the site and view the visibility splays available from the cab of a HGV. I will organise the availability of the HGV for the meeting.

Please find attached a highways consultation response from Norfolk County Council regarding a poultry unit development which created only HGV traffic. There was a very similar issue in this case where visibility was restricted from a car, but not from a HGV. The highway authority visited the site and observed the view from the drivers position of a HGV. Following the site visit, the Highway Authority withdrew their objection.

Regards

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Dear Lynn Armes

Brooke: 2016/2527 | Erection of an agricultural building for poultry rearing on established poultry farm
Littlebeck Poultry Farm Littlebeck Lane Brooke NR15 1ET

Further to my comments of 1 December 2016, recommending refusal to this application. As you are aware I have met with the Applicant on site to discuss the visibility that is available at the junction of Littlebeck Lane with the Norwich Road.

Whilst the left hand visibility splay is restricted for a car driver as per my previously submitted photo, the visibility achievable from the drivers position in a HGV is not as restricted by the alignment of the hedgerow. I can confirm that we are satisfied that the level of visibility that is available from the cab of a HGV is satisfactory, owing to the drivers seat in a HGV being further forward than in a car.

On the basis that the additional traffic created by this development is HGV traffic., the highway objection is therefore withdrawn.

As noted in my previous correspondence, Littlebeck Poultry farm is served via Green Lane which is a narrow unclassified road. The construction of the lane is likely to be very light and there are currently a number of deformities in the surface of the road. Green Lane would probably have been the traditional farm drive that has been thinly tarmac surfaced over the years. The access road is of limited construction and is classed as a soft road past the actual site.

The application indicates that there will be an additional 9 HGV movements over the 7 week poultry cycle. Whilst this is not a great deal, there is still concern that Green Lane is less than ideal to cater for loadings from additional heavy goods vehicles. However following the withdrawal of the junction visibility objection, and taking into account the fact that this application is for an extension to an existing poultry site with only approx 1 additional HGV movement per week it is not considered that this reason alone is sufficient

to refuse the application.

The highway Authority is responsible for the maintenance of the highway. section of the Unclassified Road. The Soft Road is not maintained by HA to the same standard and the applicant may be required to have improvements carried out to Green Lane in the future in order to maintain the route to an acceptable and useable standard.

Yours sincerely

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