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To: Development Quality

From: Roads and Transportation

Extension 2593

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Our Ref: 21/000010/FOR-SRC

Your Ref:

Date: 22 January 2021

Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER – 21/000101/FOR

APPLICANT: Lady Victoria Bruce-Winkler

DEVELOPMENT: Prior Notification For Formation Of Layby And
Turning Head For Forestry Operations

LOCATION: Site North Of Red Yetts, Brucefield Road, Forestmill

I refer to the above mentioned planning consultation and would respond as follows:

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Responding Officer: Stuart Cullen

My Section has no objections in principle to proposals to create a temporary vehicle access and lay-by area at the intended location on Brucefield Road for the purpose of tree felling and timber transport. I note the applicant proposes to access the site for felling along Brucefield Road from the north only with the route to the A977 passing through Forestmill. The lay-by and access will permit vehicles to stop, reverse in to the bellmouth area and once loaded turn back towards the Forestmill / A977 direction. My Section will monitor the related vehicle activity in the area to ensure there is no undue damage to the public road verges and drainage systems in that direction..

The following conditions should be attached to any consent granted :-

1. The submitted information showing the dimensions of the proposed access do not prove that the intended dimensions will allow the largest vehicle to use the access without the need over-ride the public road verges or drainage systems. Bearing in mind that Brucefield Road is only 3m wide, or thereby, at this point, I would wish assurances from the applicant that vehicle manoeuvring can occur within the intended access / lay-by area without the need for over riding. If the access dimensions are not adequate and installed as such the chance of vehicle over-riding and damage to the adjacent road verges and drainage systems is increased.
2. At the access 2m x 60m visibility splays should be formed and maintained in each direction within which there should be no obstruction to visibility over 1m in height above carriageway level.

3. I note the access and lay-by area are intended to be constructed using compacted stone layers only, i.e. no asphaltic materials are intended to be used. Although the required construction detail will be considered when my Section reviews an application for a Minor Roadworks Consent, the construction detail will require to include an asphaltic apron area adjacent to the road edge at the access / lay-by area. This apron, which will need to be at least 1m in width, is needed to protect the road edge from deterioration when vehicles are using the access / lay-by area.
4. The proposed access design should include details to ensure the bellmouth area is suitably drained away from the public road.
5. The works to construct the intended bellmouth access will require prior technical approval from this Section in the form of a Minor Roadworks Consent.
6. A condition should be attached to the effect that on completion of the required felling / timber transport works, the access / lay-by area should be permanently reinstated to the satisfaction of this Section. A further Minor Roadworks Consent from this Section will be needed for the necessary reinstatement work.

I trust this information is of use to you.

On behalf of

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