

Introduction

This Travel Plan is submitted in support of the Full Application for Minor Development at: Land at North Petherwin, Poorhouse Hill, North Petherwin, Launceston, PL15 8FJ. As part of the application a Change of Use is proposed from agricultural to Sui Generis.

Cornwall Generator Hire - Business

Cornwall Generator Hire provides mobile diesel generators to serve intermittent or occasional use by farmers and event providers. The business employs 2 full time equivalent employees on average during a normal year and has operated at this level for 9 years. Projected business over the next 5 years expects this to remain the same.

Cornwall Generator Hire is a successful business, with a turnover of £250k year. It is owned and operated by the applicants who live within 15 miles of the site. The business provides employment to local people.

The customer base of Cornwall Generator Hire is located across Cornwall and Devon, with 90% of existing customers located within a 45-mile radius. Projected business expects this to remain the same over the next 5 years.

Site Location

The Cornwall Generator Hire project is situated near several key areas, with the closest towns being approximately 6 miles southwest (Launceston) and 9 miles northwest (Bude). There are smaller settlements nearby, including North Petherwin, Cranworthy Water, and Week St Mary. Smaller hamlets within less than a mile include Copthorne, Troswell, Billacott and Brazacott, as well as scattered rural homes. Nearby amenities within 1.5 miles include North Petherwin

Primary School, North Petherwin Football Club, farms at Troswell, Billacott, Brazzacott and various holiday accommodation. Agricultural land forms most of the remainder.

Overview

Most vehicular movements will be the delivering of generators by Cornwall Generator Hire to its customers. Locating the business close to agricultural sites of the existing client base helps to minimise vehicular traffic.

Site Occupancy

The number of employees vary due to busier periods during the summer when compared to the winter. During the summer there can be approximately 5 employees on site intermittently and just 1 during the winter.

Customer visits are rare, and are not encouraged by the company, who deliver the generators. Customer visits to site occur on average only 5 times/ year.

Cornwall Generator Hire are available on call for agricultural power outage, so the business can offer assistance at short notice.

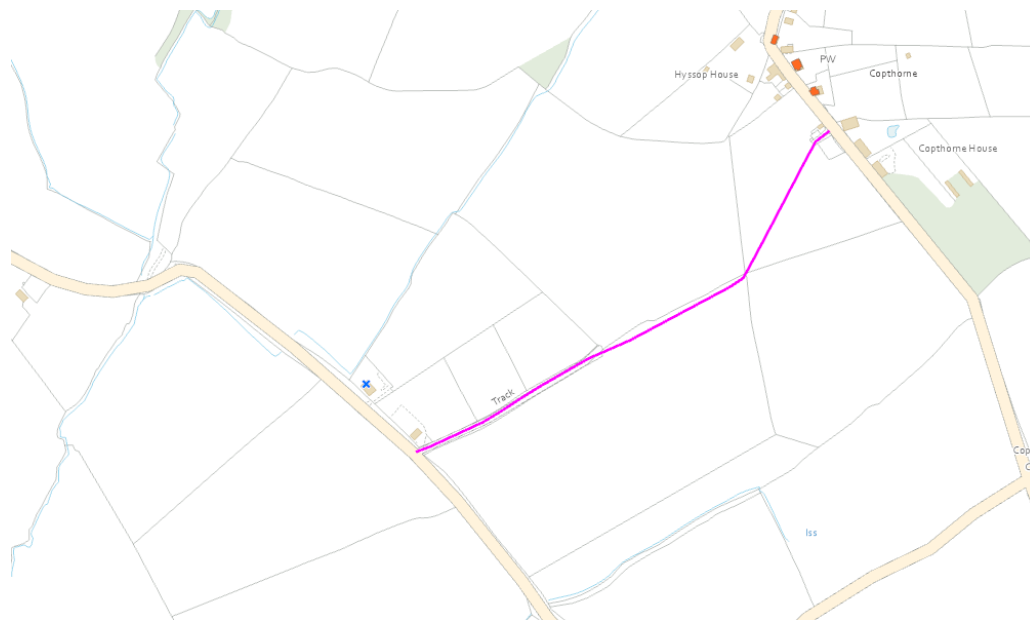
The only visiting contractors are fuel suppliers, who visit site at the same frequency as to an agricultural holding. Servicing parts for maintenance are delivered to the company owner's home address and transported via the commute to work on site. Visits relating to deliveries are projected at 5 times/ year. There is minimal waste, and it is recycled where possible.

Refuse collections are undertaken by Devon Contract Waste and are bimonthly. Emptying for the septic tank takes place as required- i.e. once every 3 to 5 years.

Supporting Sustainable Travel Modalities

The site location provides for travel access, in sustainable priority order:

By walking: The country road is a minor one and does not include a pedestrian path. The location is walkable from Copthorne via a public right of way, which entails a minimal amount of walking (a minute or so) on the public highway, which is a straight country road in that location.



By cycling: Launceston is the nearest town, approx. 7 miles away and a 50-minute cycle ride.

By public transport: The nearest bus stop is at Caudworthy, served by 426 which provides a connection to Launceston. The bus stop is less than half an hour walk from the site, along the country road.

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By car sharing: The site is located between the urban centres of Launceston, Bude and Holsworthy.

Cornwall Generator Hire encourage sustainable travel by:

- Supporting working from home where practicable- in practice this allows for working from home for 1 administration staff member. Those on site are there by necessity to deliver the generators; this is normally just 1 person.
- Offering secure and weather protected cycle storage for 5 bicycles;
- Staff car share to site, and business journeys use the company vehicle from the site.
- Provision of 2 electrical charging points, serving 2 parking bays.

Parking

Existing hardstanding capacity allows for adequate parking on site, as well as turning space allowing vehicles to enter and exit in forward gear.

Access

There is an existing suitable gated vehicular access to the site, which is proposed to be retained as existing.

Conclusion

This proposal supports the continuation of an existing successful local business, which provides an integral service supporting local agricultural farms. It incurs a modest number of

vehicular movements due to the small scale of the business and the very low numbers of people on or visiting site, normally 1 person per day.

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