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*Subject:* NF260 Double H Nurseries, Gore Road, New Milton

I refer to the above application for the construction of a biomass CHP plant including demolition of existing glasshouse and repairs to remaining glasshouses which was passed to me for comment.

### **Construction**

The construction of the CHP plant is estimated to last approximately 9 months during which time HGV deliveries are indicated to total 256 movements. Averaged over typical working days this equates to approximately 2 movements per day.

The applicant has stated within the Transportation appendix that 10 HGV movements per day for a period of 3 days are expected during the busiest phase of construction. This was then assessed against existing HGV flows, however 20 movements were used - it is assumed that 10 deliveries per day (20 movements) are expected during the busiest phase.

Gore Road is currently accommodates an average of 126 HGV movements per working day as indicated by the traffic survey. Consequently both the expected average use and busiest period of construction are likely to produce a low level of movements compared to the existing levels of traffic on Gore Road. The width and alignment of Gore Road is also considered to be suitable to accommodate the additional HGV movements associated with the proposal.

Some additional movements would also be expected for construction staff however this is also not considered to be significant in consideration of the existing traffic flows recorded on Gore Road.

### **Operation**

The operation of the CHP plant will require 4 deliveries per day and 1 additional member staff generating 10 movements in total. The statement concludes that this operational traffic is negligible considering the existing flows on Gore Road and this is accepted.

**Accident data**

Accident data for the past 5 years has been obtained for Gore Road and the link to the strategic network (i.e. the A35 and A337). No accidents have been identified involving HGVs or the site access.

The junction of the A35 and Ringwood Road is a staggered junction with a right turning lane for east and west bound traffic and a central reservation allowing fro traffic to cross one lane of traffic at a time. This could therefore be considered a relatively complex arrangement and hatching/alternative surfacing/anti-skid would suggest a history of accidents. This location was included within the accident search and only one accident was recorded involving crossing/joining the A35 and was attributable to a failure to give way. Consequently, it is not considered that the level of traffic generated by the development proposals would exacerbate any accident trend in either its construction or operation.

I therefore have no objection to the proposals.

I trust the above is clear however should you have any further queries please contact David Murphy on (01962) 846826.