
Note

To: County Planning – Fay Eames
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Our Reference: JM 6-3-2-MIN (61)
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Subject: **HR092 - Down Farm, Alton Road, Odiham**

Within our previous response dated the 3rd April 2013 we identified a number of matters which required further clarification. The applicant has now provided further details in response and I have the following comments to make.

The applicant has provided a graph to show recorded vehicle movements resulting from deliveries since 2002. This confirms that there has been a slight increase in movements since the site opened in 2002 and that traffic movements vary throughout the year, with the Autumn generating significantly greater levels of activity than the spring / winter. This can be understood by the nature of use of the site. The information does demonstrate that the applicant's claim of an average of 8-10 trips per day resulting from deliveries are generally fair and a reasonable estimate of site use.

A question was raised regarding how an increase in site throughput would not lead to extra vehicle movements. The applicant has clarified that the purpose of the proposal would be to allow extra storage of product before being used on surrounding fields and therefore the increase in capacity would not lead to increased trips on the highway network. It is accepted that the site uses are unlikely to result in any significant increase in daily traffic.

Concerns were raised regarding the visibility splay of the access onto Alton Road. The applicant has confirmed that following further investigation a visibility splay of 2.4m x 160m can be achieved in both directions through trimming the hedge. This will provide an improvement over the existing condition and is supported.

The proposals are not likely to have a significant impact on the highway and I raise no objection subject to the following condition:

- No development hereby permitted shall be brought into use until

visibility splays of 2.4m x 160m at the site access have been provided to the written satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact Joe Malone on 01962 813863.