

Economy, Transport and Environment Department

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Subject:

NF252 Newbourne Farm, Rockbourne Road,

Rockbourne

I refer to the above application for retrospective planning permission for a newly constructed access onto Rockbourne Road which was passed to me for comment. Additional information was sought in respect of recorded speeds on Rockbourne Road. This information has been submitted and assessed.

Rockbourne Road is subject to the national speed limit of 60 mph. Visibility splays were observed on site to the north in accordance with relevant standards set within the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). The survey data submitted recorded 85% north/westbound speeds of 49.4mph requiring a visibility splay of 160m, however a visibility splay of 110m was recorded to the south/east. DMRB also provides and desirable minimum of 120m stopping sight distance.

The original access has limited visibility towards the south with a splay measuring approximately 50m. Consequently, whilst the newly constructed access offers a level of visibility below required standard, it is recognised that an improved arrangement is provided.

Under the proposal, the original access will be used as an in only with the newly constructed access being used for exiting traffic. This will aid in managing traffic movements within the site, however it is also acknowledged that the arrangements result in an improved visibility for exiting traffic.

Accident history data has been obtained for the previous 5 years and has not identified any accidents associated with the site access or exiting traffic in the vicinity of the site.

It is noted that operations at the site are subject to a condition that restricts the number of vehicles received at the site. To ensure consistency, such a condition should be attached to any permission granted. I raise no objections to the application subject to the following conditions.

No more than 424 total vehicle movements in or out of the site for the purposes of permitted operations shall take place within any calendar month, and no more than 4,860 vehicle movements shall be permitted to occur in any calendar year.

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of residents and for the safety of users of the highway.

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