

Traffic Assessment

Traffic generated by previous nursery business

Trucks owned by nursery: 1 x 7.5 tonnes lorry, 2 x 3 tonnes tipper vans

Machinery owned by nursery: 1 x JCB digger, 1x dumper truck, 1 x roller and various tractors

Delivery vehicles coming onto the site: oil trucks, Stuart Lyons transport taking our produce to Covent garden most days, Fargo lorries delivering anything from compost, chemicals etc on a regular basis, Rowes fruit and vegetable deliveries and pick up most days, arctic lorry for soil deliveries (average 1x month), Yoder plants (1 x week)

Regular customers for our produce: (Flowers, bedding, plants and veg)
14 commercial customers visiting at least 3 – 4 times a week

Street Traders (plant deliveries)
Yoder (Toddington Lane)

Public customer visits :

During farm shop week 20-30 average per day (40 – 60 movements)

Farm shop weekend 40-50 per day (80 – 100 movements)

During bedding plant season (April – July) 100 -150 cars and vans per day (200 – 300 movements)

Staff

Between 8 and 20 staff depending on season/day

Off road parking spaces

20

Proposed Business units

Off road parking

30 Car parking spaces

2 HGV spaces

Staff

Based on existing commercial units elsewhere on the land owned by the applicant and average of 2 staff per unit (16 staff)

Deliveries/collections

Almost exclusively by vans rather than HGVs. Typically from experience a maximum of 3 deliveries/collections per week. Hence 24 deliveries/collections per week.

Public visits

Rare

Conclusion

The proposed units will generate considerably less traffic than the former nursery business and will involve considerably fewer HGV movements.