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From: Tilly Whishaw [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 August 2021 08:59
To: Anita Gardner <Anita.Gardner@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: A/164/21/AG - Agricultural Prior Notification

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Dear Anita,

Thank you for your email.

Redrow have submitted this application as part of our agreement with the land owner to ensure safe access to their retained agricultural land.

The existing access track is currently falling into a poor state of repair as result of its continued use by large agricultural vehicles. At peak periods, such as during harvest, the track will be used a number of times daily by large farm machinery. At other times of the year it may be used less frequently to access the agricultural facilities associated with Roundstone Farm. The frequency of required repair to the track is not relevant to the requirements of this prior approval application as set out in the Schedule 2, Part 6, Class B of the GPDO. Nevertheless, the requirements for repair are very much dependant on the time of year and the weather conditions.

As set out within the Transport Note, the improvements to the track do not have any effect on the its use as route for agricultural vehicles. The proposal seeks to create a safer access to Roundstone Farm which can better withstand use from agricultural vehicles such as tractors and combine harvesters. There is no anticipation that this enhanced track will be used for any purpose other than as an east-west connection between 2 points of the farm. Please note that should the proposed development to the west of the area included within this prior approval application be approved, the updates to the track to the west of this application would be carried out as part of that approved development, with the part of the track included within this application only being available for use by the farmer.

I trust that this information is of help. Please let me know if you need anything further from us.

Kind regards,

Tilly

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Sent: 18 August 2021 12:21

To: Tilly Whishaw

Subject: A/164/21/AG - Agricultural Prior Notification

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Dear Miss Whishaw,

I note the applicant for the above application is Redrow Homes. I have looked at the supporting documents, but would appreciate clarification as to why it is considered the proposal is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within the farming unit. The application form refers to 'Improvements are required to ensure a safe access for farm vehicles entering the site', surely the existing access meets these requirements .

The Technical Note advises that the access track is used by agricultural vehicles associated with the operation of Roundstone Farm, including the operation of larger 'abnormal load' vehicles and that the use of such vehicles has

had a detrimental impact on both the surface and subbase construction of the route, resulting in an undulating track surface and the need for frequent maintenance, which is exacerbated by periods of inclement weather.

Please can you advise how frequently the access requires repair and how often abnormally large vehicles use the track and that they are associated with the agricultural use of the farming unit.

Regards

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