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Sent: 27 June 2025 09:38:44 UTC+01:00
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Subject: RE: 25/0310

Hi Francesca,

As requested, please see below my response to the highways objection regarding the proposed secondary access to the GD Environmental yard and haulage operations (Planning Ref: 25/0310).

We note the Local Highway Authority's objection to the proposed secondary access on the basis that "the less access points there are to any road the safer it is," and their assertion that a "compelling safety benefit" has not been demonstrated. However, we respectfully submit that this position does not accurately reflect the guidance provided within Technical Advice Note (TAN) 18: Transport.

TAN18 does not require that new development proposals provide a demonstrable highway safety benefit. Instead, the test articulated in TAN18 is whether the proposed development would cause an unacceptable impact on highway safety or the transportation network.

In the case of the proposed secondary access, there is a clear operational rationale: separating staff and light vehicle movements from HGV and service yard movements. This segregation significantly reduces potential internal conflicts and ultimately enhances the overall safety of site operations and the efficiency of the business.

Furthermore, the secondary access would be designed in accordance with current highway design standards, ensuring suitable geometry and adequate visibility splays. Consequently, the proposal does not present any demonstrable highway safety risks.

Given this context, it is clear that the requirement by the Highway Authority for a "compelling safety benefit" exceeds the requirements of TAN18. The policy does not support refusal simply due to a general preference for fewer access points, especially where the proposed access arrangement demonstrably addresses operational safety and efficiency.

We trust this clarification addresses the points raised and provides the necessary policy justification for the proposed secondary access. Please let me know if you require any further detail or clarification.

Kind Regards ,

Tony

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Sent: 26 June 2025 11:34
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Subject: RE: 25/0310

Hi tony,

Yes can you please outline the purpose of the second access.

Kind regards
Francesca Sanders

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From: Tony Chivers <tonychivers@gd-environmental.co.uk>

Sent: 25 June 2025 20:39

To: Sanders, Francesca (Senior Planning Officer) <Francesca.Sanders@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: 25/0310

Hi Francesca ,

Further to my previous email and agreement to the extension of time (24/04/25) I have just noticed the consultation response from the Highway Officer . I cannot believe the officer is objecting on highway safety grounds given the proposed visibility spays and design of the new access facility for such a category highway .

Do you want me to provide you with more information why the secondary access is required for the business and operational purposes ?

As with the previous application along Nash Road , this highway safety objection is not justified - the proposal before you complies with both the Newport County Council's and Welsh Government highway design guidelines . Once again, I will be more than happy to contest and fight this issue at appeal .

Kind Regards ,

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From: Sanders, Francesca (Senior Planning Officer) <Francesca.Sanders@newport.gov.uk>

Sent: 25 June 2025 10:02

To: Tony Chivers <tonychivers@gd-environmental.co.uk>

Subject: 25/0310

Hi Tony,

I am due to go on maternity leave next week and will be passing this case over to my colleague Lydia Burrows, are you therefore able to agree to an extension of time until 24/07/2025 please?

Kind regards

Francesca Sanders

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