

Highway Response

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PROPOSAL: OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF A SECURE COMPOUND AND THE INSTALLATION OF EXTERNAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT TO CREATE A MODULAR DATA CENTRE TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND STRUCTURES, ENGINEERING OPERATIONS, STAFF ACCOMMODATION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

SITE: Liberty Steel Corporation Road Newport NP19 4XE

Case Officer: Geraint Roberts

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Highway recommendation:

No objection.

Highway Comments:

The site is not considered to be sustainable in transport terms and is remote from public highway. However, it is understood to have extant consent for much more labour-intensive uses. It is also understood that there are security issues to consider. Therefore, no objection is raised on this point.

The site would be accessible by cycle, and staff cycle stores should be secured by way of condition.

During its operational phase the development would not generate many trips with only 10 staff and minimal servicing. These would presumably offer 24hr cover, so there would be no significant peaks in traffic. There is therefore no requirement for capacity or trip generation assessments.

The site will be largely car dependant and proportionate electric vehicle charging facilities should be secured by way of condition.

In conclusion there are no highway related objections subject to the following conditions.

Suggested Conditions:

Except for site clearance and remediation no development shall take place until a scheme for the provision of cycle parking in accordance with the Council's current standards has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council as Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved before any part of the development is brought into use and shall be retained as such thereafter. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order) no building works, which reduce this provision, shall take place except following the express grant of planning permission by the Council.

Reason: To ensure that adequate provision is made for parking cycles on the site; and to establish measures to encourage non-car modes of transport.

A scheme for the provision of electric vehicle charging points shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The agreed scheme shall be provided prior to first occupation of each unit and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that appropriate provision for current and future electric and electric/hybrid vehicles and encourage more sustainable means of transport.