

Graeme Thorpe

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To: Graeme Thorpe
Subject: RE: RE - 3/2013/0013/P highways comment

Dear Graeme,

I concur with the comments made by Martin Nugent at the pre-application stage. That is I would have concerns if an additional access was proposed on to the A59. This is not the case and the existing access to this farm is to be used to access this development from the A59.

I would also normally have concerns if, as in this case a new use was proposed which was to use the existing access onto A59. However, as explained in the Planning Statement, the traffic movements at the access point with A59 should not materially change, and this is accepted. The reasoning for this is that the applicant already lives on the farm and as a result there should be no change to traffic volumes. Consequently, I do not in this instance object to the introduction of a new use not related to the use of the farm for agriculture.

Although there are no accidents recorded on the A59 within the last five years on LCC's records at this farm access lane, there are six accidents recorded (mostly serious including a fatality) at the junctions of Sawley Old Brow and Sawley Road with the A59. The access to Greenhead Farms has good visibility, but nevertheless I would like to be able to consider any future change to this proposed development which may entail an increase in traffic using this junction. I would ask that conditions be attached to any planning permission you may decide to grant which would require a new planning permission if an intensification of the use was proposed, or if people working in this unit resided away from the farm.

Regards,

Trevor Lewis.

