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Dear Stephen

Application no: **3/2019/0439**

Address: **Land off Easington Road Cow Ark BB7 3DH**

Proposal: **Forestry access track**

I have viewed the plans and submitted documents and I have the following comments to make:

Summary

The proposal will result in the construction of two forestry access tracks.

Access

In accordance with drawing number A3038/H-01, it is proposed that two access points are to be constructed for forestry access, with swept path analysis undertaken at both of the access points for articulated vehicles.

Cow Ark Road is an unclassified adopted highway namely U8952 which is subject to the national speed limit. Therefore the construction of the proposed access points will need to be carried out under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

Visibility

Visibility splays at the proposed access points will need to be demonstrated within the submitted plans. However, it would appear that the required visibility splays for a 60mph road may not be achievable at the proposed access points. I would therefore recommend that an automatic traffic count is carried out in order to demonstrate the 85th percentile speed of passing vehicular traffic within close proximity of the proposed access points on Cow Ark Road.

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Parking

There has been no indication within the submitted plans as to whether there would be a requirement for any parking provision associated with the proposal.

Conclusion

With respect to the proposal, the application as submitted seeks planning permission for forestry access tracks. However, the Local Highway Authority would require clarification as to the intended purpose of the proposal and any expected vehicular traffic movements that would likely be generated as a result of the proposal.

I ask the plans be revised.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or by telephone on 01282 470840.

Yours faithfully

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