

Development Control
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Location: Land at Neddy Lane, Billington
Proposal: Proposed temporary construction access and haul route and associated works and will be used specifically for construction of the flood compensation scheme.

With regard to your consultation letter dated 14th March 2023 I have the following initial comments to make based on all the information provided by the applicant to date and after undertaking a site visit.

Proposal

The application seeks to construct a temporary access road to be used for the construction of a flood compensation scheme associated with the development of 36 dwellings approved under application 3/2021/0205.

The access road will reduce the volume of construction traffic travelling through Whalley and Billington and will be in place for 12 months.

The proposed temporary access will join the A59 where there is currently a field gate. There is a public right of way at this location. The geometry will comprise a 6m wide concrete carriageway for a distance of 8m with 6m radii from the A59, thereafter the route will be laid with hardcore. Visibility splays of X2.4m by Y 40m have been shown on a submitted drawing, from observations on site, splays in excess of this are achievable and therefore acceptable for the scheme.

Summary

For the most part the proposed temporary access is acceptable to the Highway Authority however a number of concerns regarding the detail of the junction layout/traffic Management require amendments:

- The inclusion of a 40mph buffer
- Traffic management extended

- Lay-by closed off

These concerns are detailed in the following sections:

40 MPH buffer

The submitted 'works access' drawing indicates a temporary 30mph zone at the proposed access point, due to the nature of the existing road and observed speeds Lancashire County Council Highways request that a 40mph buffer zone is included between the 30mph and national speed limit to assist in managing approaching speeds.

Traffic management extended

The proposed section of the A59 to be controlled under the traffic management works is considered to be too short to be effective and therefore should be extended (especially when considering the type of slow moving vehicles accessing and exiting the site). The inclusion of a 40mph buffer zone should also assist with this.

Lay-by

An existing lay-by is located on the A59 just to the North East of the proposed site access. Lancashire County Council Highways request that it is temporarily closed as part of the traffic management arrangements. To avoid unnecessary potential conflict.

Conclusion

Lancashire County Council supports the principle of this application. However, support is predicated on the above concerns regarding the proposed temporary access arrangements being addressed prior to the application being determined.

Therefore Lancashire County Council requests that the applicant submits an amended scheme incorporating the requests above.

If you have any questions regarding my comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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