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Address: Field to the south of Clitheroe Road and east of Cow Ark Brook, Cow Ark

Proposal: Engineering works to create four wetland ponds, ditches and banked hedges.

Further to our previous comments dated 5th December, the submitted documents and plans have been reviewed and the following comments are made.

Access

There are no public rights of way crossing or bounding the site.

A photograph is submitted of an existing field gate on Clitheroe Road at grid reference 367373, 445305, approximately 110m southeast of Cow Ark Bridge. There is currently no hardstanding within the field.

The submitted details relating to vehicle movement state that an excavator will be delivered to site initially and remain until the end of the project. Daily movements include contractors in a 4x4 pickup. There are no details of the movement through the site access of the excavated material therefore it is assumed that this will stay on site.

A compound will be created, there are no details of the location, size or surface material.

The small number of vehicle movements over a temporary period appears acceptable however the compound should be sufficient in size to allow all vehicles to turn and exit onto Clitheroe Road in forward gear and laid with a stone surface. All wheels should be washed before vehicles re-enter Clitheroe Road to prevent mud being deposited onto the highway for highway safety.

We would request that the boundary hedges on the Clitheroe Road boundary are kept below 1m high for the period of the project should it occur during the summer months to maximise the visibility splays for vehicles emerging at the access for highway safety.

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Conclusion

Lancashire County Council acting as the Highway Authority does not raise an objection regarding the proposed development and are of the opinion that the proposed development will not have a significant impact on highway safety, capacity or amenity in the immediate vicinity of the site.

Should the application be approved the following conditions are requested.

1. For the full period of construction facilities shall be available on site for the cleaning of the wheels of vehicles leaving the site and such equipment shall be used as necessary to prevent mud, stones and debris being carried onto the highway. Provision to sweep the surrounding highway network by mechanical means will be available and the roads adjacent to the site shall be mechanically swept as required during the full construction period.
Reason: To prevent stones, mud and debris being carried onto the public highway to the detriment of road safety
2. The layout of the development shall include provisions to enable vehicles to enter and leave the highway in forward gear and the vehicular turning space shall be laid out and be available for use before the development is brought into use.
Reason: Vehicles reversing to and from the highway are a hazard to other road users.
3. The boundary hedges along Clitheroe Road shall be kept below 1m for the temporary period during the development project hereby permitted. Reason For highway safety to maximise visibility splays for emerging vehicles and highway users.

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