

Highways assessment – site C

Dear Peter,

Further to our telephone conversation earlier this week, you raised a question with respect to the existing fieldgate/agricultural access to site C. Whilst there is an existing agricultural access into the field, the view of the Highway Authority at the time of the site inspection was that the presence of this access is an historic one.

The Highway Authority have to consider the potential intensification in the use of the access that would occur as a consequence of development. As previously stated within our pre-application advice, the location of this site has very poor visibility due to the alignment of the Stratford Road carriageway and the limited frontage of the site to the public highway. The existence of a gate and agricultural access is not necessarily sufficient to support development where there are the required highway standards cannot be attained and this has the potential to prejudice highway safety. In addition to this is the concern with respect to pedestrian movements that a residential development will generate, lack of safe provision for these vulnerable road users to access the services within the village. All these matters have to be taken into consideration when assessing a site.

I trust this provides the clarification you requested.

Kind regards

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