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From: Fitch Emma
Sent: 14 April 2015 10:39
To: Alan Oggelsby
Cc: Aremu Oluremi; 'Chris Simpson'; Roger Taylor; Urban Georg; Wass Helen
Subject: Access from Royston Sewage Treatment Works onto the A505, Royston
Attachments: Access from Royston Sewage Treatment Works onto the A505, Royston

Dear Alan,

Thank you very much for your time this morning and for confirming that the attached email sent to Georg Urban on 8 April 2015 is effectively the statement to provide to our Members on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council Highways Department, as an officer will not be attending our Planning Committee Meeting on 23 April 2015. I will ensure that this information is passed to our Planning Committee Members along with a copy of the Safety Audit undertaken.

Once again thank you for clarifying the situation.

Kind regards

Emma

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Sent: 26 March 2015 16:45
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Cc: Fitch Emma; Aremu Oluremi; Connor David Cllr; Smith Mandy Cllr
Subject: RE: RE: Access from Royston Sewage Treatment Works onto the A505, Royston

Dear Chris

Planning permission ref. S/0461/14/CW - Waste recycling facility adjacent to Royston STW (Winters Haulage Ltd)
Submission of details pursuant to condition 8: Details of proposed access improvements

Further to my emails dated 13 and 23 March 2015, I am writing to let you know that the proposed access improvement details submitted by Winters Haulage and their highway consultants (pursuant to condition 8 of the above application) were discussed at our Planning Committee this morning. During this meeting it was noted that the proposed access improvements did not include the provision of an acceleration lane onto the A505.

Whilst I advised Members that the reason for not including an acceleration lane was that the highway authority did not support its provision, and specifically referred to the information you gave in your email dated 23 March, which explained *"that the thinking is that an acceleration lane is not just unnecessary, it would be considered unsafe as it would encourage slower-moving vehicles to merge with potentially faster Lane 1 traffic"* the Planning Committee maintained its concerns about the submitted design and the safety implications of not having an acceleration

lane. My committee report did state that the Road Safety Audit (RSA) did not raise a specific need for an acceleration lane, but Members requested further details of what alternative designs were considered for the egress from the site onto the A505 and as such voted to defer making a decision on this submission until further information has been received from Hertfordshire County Council as the highway authority. They also asked if it would be possible for a highway officer from your authority to attend the next Planning Committee meeting to explain the reasoning behind your professional advice on this matter, particularly as several concerns were raised by Members during this meeting in relation to the speed of traffic on the A505 and the risk of an accident occurring.

Members have requested that we discuss this additional information/advice at our next Planning Committee meeting, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday 23 April starting at 10am at Shire Hall, Cambridge. From both an officer and Member perspective it would be extremely useful if either you, or one of your colleagues, could attend this Planning Committee meeting and answer Members' questions. As such if you are able to confirm if this is possible I would really appreciate it. However, if you are unable to send a highway officer to our Planning Committee meeting on 23 April, would it be possible for you to prepare a statement which sets out what alternative options have been considered by the highway authority and explains why they were discounted? I can then circulate this to Members as an alternative to a representative attending the meeting, albeit our preference would be for a highway officer to attend.

I look forward to hearing back from you on this matter.

Regards
Georg Urban

PS: Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any of the above, although please note I will be on leave from 27th March up to and including 8th April.

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To: Urban Georg; Alan Oggelsby; Roger Taylor
Subject: RE: RE: Access from Royston Sewage Treatment Works onto the A505, Royston

Georg,

The thinking is that an acceleration lane is not just unnecessary, it would be considered unsafe as it would encourage slower-moving vehicles to merge with potentially faster lane 1 traffic.

Regards,

Christopher Simpson
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From: Urban Georg [<mailto:Georg.Urban@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>]
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To: Chris Simpson; Alan Oggelsby; Roger Taylor
Subject: RE: RE: Access from Royston Sewage Treatment Works onto the A505, Royston

Hi Chris

Thanks for letting me know. I can only reiterate that it would be good to have someone from Highways attend the meeting. Notwithstanding the correspondence between the HA and the applicant, our Members have in the past expressed their belief that an on-slip should be provided, and I can envisage this question being raised again, despite there being an understanding between the applicant and the HA that this may not be necessary.

Regards
Georg

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Georg,

Apologies, I am unable to attend. I have extended the invitation to Alan and Roger to see if they can attend.

Regards,

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From: Alan Oggelsby [<mailto:Alan.Oggelsby@hertfordshire.gov.uk>]
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George,
You will appreciate that when assessing development proposals as a statutory consultee we assess the acceptability of the proposals that have been submitted. We either accept them, ask for minor amendment or recommend refusal if considered unacceptable. We are not in a position to provide a design service and suggest alternative access arrangements.

As you know the submitted scheme was Safety Audited and found to be acceptable subject to modifications being made to the deceleration lane. In carrying out the safety audit the provision of an acceleration lane was considered but discounted on ground of highway safety.

As Highway Authority for the junction in question we are satisfied that the design of the improved junction is acceptable and therefore the requirement of the planning condition have been discharged and therefore subject to the applicant entering a S278 Agreement the junction improvement can be carried out.

I trust this is of assistance and is sufficient to address the matter.

Regards

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