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Dear Hamish

Further to the submission of additional information from the applicant's transport consultant, WSCC have additional comments based on our previous requests.

Speed Survey

An Automated Traffic Count was undertaken in January 2024. Counters were placed approximately 210m either side of the access which found 85%ile speeds to be 46mph (max 85%ile of the 4 results) which is below the posted speed limit of 50mph and equates to a stopping site distance requirement of 130m. No adjustment has been made for dry weather speeds which would increase 74kmph (46mph) to 78kmph which would require 139m. From the submitted plans this looks to be achievable.

WSCC previously had concerns over the access due to the requirement of 210m of visibility and the alignment of the road, as the required distance has been reduced this is no longer a concern. With regards to land ownership, unfortunately we cannot find any definitive details on the actual position of the highway boundary, however given the reduction in visibility splay requirements this may not be an issue. As Highway Authority we can not get involved in land disputes however providing 139m of visibility can be provided in both directions on land either in control of the applicant or the Highway Authority we would not raise an objection on visibility grounds.

Access Width

The applicant has provided information on the access width which is 10.5m adjacent to the public highway and 5.4m further into the site which is acceptable as 2 vehicles can pass clear of the highway.

Current Use

The site has been used for and is currently used for airport parking. It is my understanding that the application is for the continued use of the site for airport parking at the same level as current use. The application is required to formalised the use of the site.

Vehicle survey data of the site access confirms there were 5 vehicles exiting and 10 vehicles entering in the AM peak and 6 vehicles existing and 5 entering the site in the PM peak and it is proposed that this volume will continue and is not expected to increase. Given these figures WSCC would not object on traffic generation terms.

Parking

The applicant has confirmed there will be 116 parking spaces with additional space for manoeuvring and emergency service vehicles. The site will have 24/7 security (it is assumed that this will be a human guard as opposed to cameras) and vehicle movements will predominately be between 10pm and 3:30am.

Given all the information provide by the applicant WSCC would not raise an objection to the proposal. Visibility can be achieved now due to the reduced requirements, traffic levels will be relatively

low in peak times and the site has been operating for some time with no significant highway safety issues.

Kind regards
Debbie

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