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Sent: 14 August 2026 12:40
To: Andy Watt
Cc: Kate Andrews
Subject: RE: Date of final decision

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Afternoon Andrew,

Yes please, that would be fine.

We are at something of an impasse. Highways have stated that they require evidence that a truck will not cross the dividing line when turning left out of the site and travelling north. At present, we cannot demonstrate this accurately because the existing entrance is not in the configuration proposed under the planning application.

Our plans show the entrance being slightly wider and significantly longer than it is currently, which should enable the truck to exit correctly. However, we cannot carry out those works until planning permission has been granted.

We can, of course, submit another swept path analysis showing the proposed wider entrance. However, we do not yet know whether achieving the required movement would mean moving the dropped kerb further north, which I assume would itself require approval from Highways.

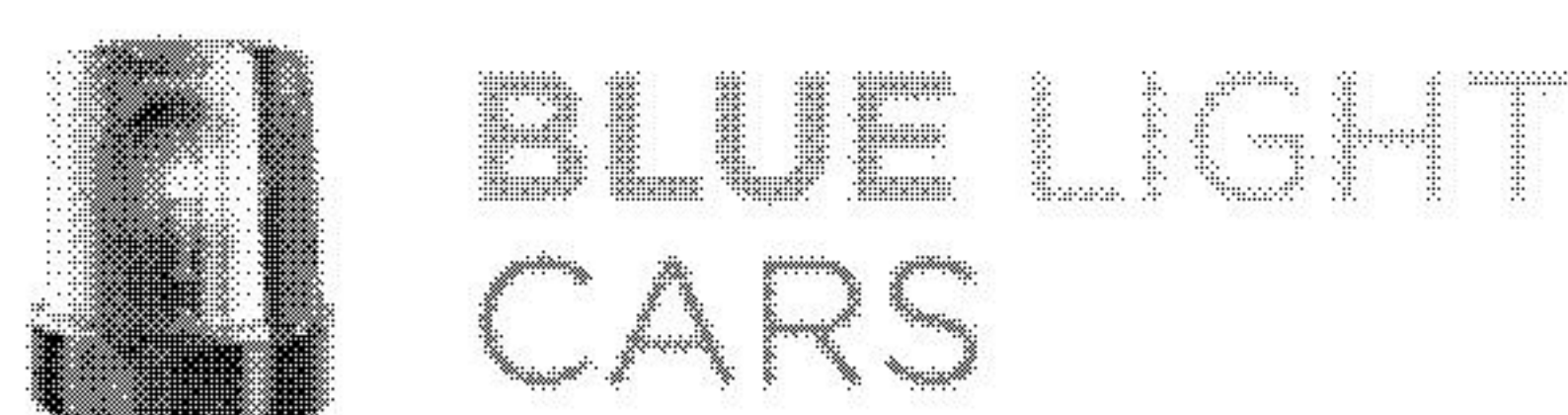
I am completely in favour of doing this correctly, but what we really need at this stage is some guidance from Highways as to how they expect us to get from the existing situation to an acceptable design, and specifically what evidence or amendments they would find acceptable.

This is primarily why I was asking whether Highways could advise on an appropriate solution, with the caveat that we would also welcome their involvement on site once works commence so that the final arrangement can be reviewed in real world conditions. A swept path plan is obviously important, but the practical situation on site can sometimes differ from what is shown on a drawing.

I am more than happy for this email to be passed on to Highways if that would assist.
Many thanks

Regards

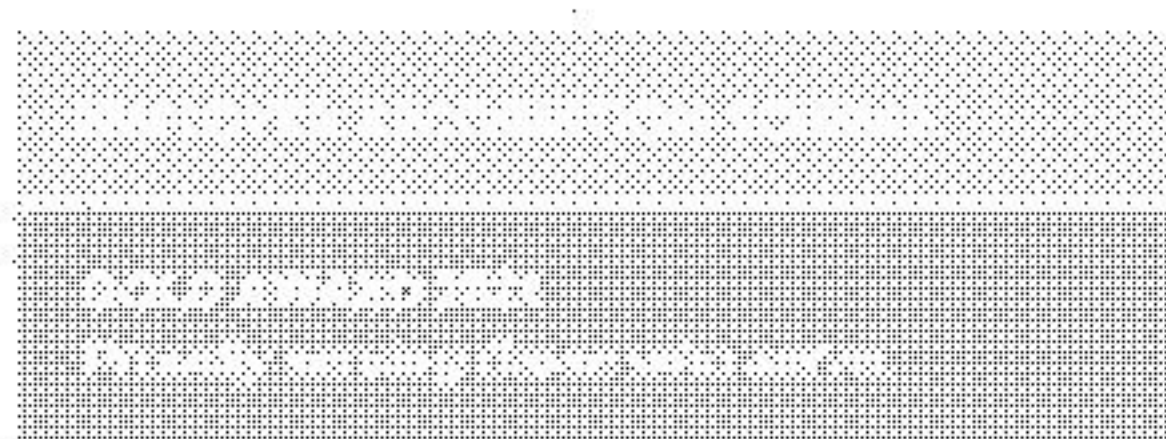
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Sent: 14 August 2026 11:51

Subject: RE: Date of final decision

Dear Mr Robbins

Thank you for your email. Can you please confirm if you want me to send your additional email from yesterday to National Highways as a formal consultation to respond to? I appreciate they have been copied in, but usually if a consultee requires further information/clarification, then it needs to be provided. In this instance, a holding objection means that we are unable to grant planning permission until such time as it is lifted.

Many thanks

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Sent: 11 August 2026 09:55

To: Andy Watt <Andy.Watt@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: Date of final decision

I hope you are well.

I am writing regarding application **DM/26/0165** for Wishing Well.

I note that the target determination date was 28th July. However I also understand that you have been away following a family bereavement, for which we would like to offer our condolences.

When you are back, I would be grateful if you could let me know when you anticipate a decision may now be reached please?

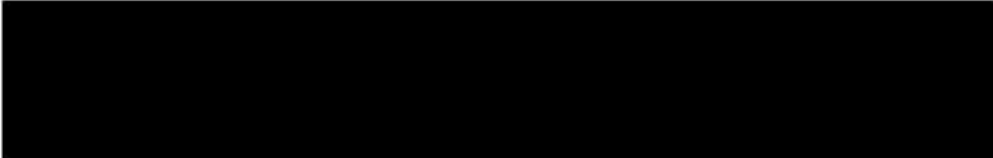
From my understanding, (and I'm no planning officer), it appears the only outstanding issue relates to extending the curve on the northbound entrance to satisfy the Highways team. We are, of course, happy to accommodate this if it helps move the application forward to a positive outcome. Having driven our 12-metre, rear-steer, 26-tonne horse trucks for over 15 years, I do feel the additional widening is more than is really necessary given their turning circle. However, in the interests of reaching a conclusion without the need for more plans and changes, I would be perfectly happy for this to be secured by way of a condition requiring an amendment to the approved plan, should it be physically required, and should that be an acceptable approach.

My only reservation is that having one entrance curve different from the other may look a little unusual, but if that is what is required to satisfy Highways and enable the application to be approved, we are more than willing to proceed.

Our plan at the start of the this process was to be in by Christmas 2026 (like all good Grand Designs), but our next target date is the 21st June which is the Hickstead Derby event. If we get permission this week as initially hoped for, we might, with a fair wind behind us, just about make June as a completion date, hence why I am chasing, sorry.

I would very much appreciate your thoughts when you have the opportunity.

Kind regards,


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