

**LATTON: DISCHARGE OF PLANNING CONDITION 8 (APPROVAL OF THE SITE
TRANSPORT PLAN) RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN INERT
AGGREGATE RECYCLING FACILITY AT EYSEY MANOR QUARRY,
NEAR CRICKLADE FOR TARMAC LTD
(Application No. N/07/07017)**

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the outcome of consultations with Latton Parish Council (PC) and Cricklade Town Council (TC) in relation to the site Transport Plan submitted as a requirement of Condition 8 of planning permission N/07/07017 and to recommend that the submitted plan be approved.

Background

2. At its meeting on 13th February, 2008 the Regulatory Committee resolved to defer consideration of an application submitted by Tarmac Ltd. for an inert aggregate recycling facility at Eysey Manor Quarry near Cricklade to enable officers to consider further the matter of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) associated with the development travelling along the detrunked A419 through Latton village and Cricklade town centre.
3. Traffic was raised as an issue by both Latton PC and Cricklade TC during the consultation process. Latton PC was concerned that increased HGV traffic flow through the village would have a significant adverse impact on the environment and would cause problems to households who live close to the old A419 road. Cricklade TC was concerned about HGVs travelling through the town centre to get to and from the site. Officers were of the opinion that these concerns could be addressed by the use of a 'Transport Plan' to be required by planning condition. Members wished to receive more information as to how such an approach would work in practice.
4. On the 19th March, 2008 a further report was considered by the Committee to which was appended a Draft Transport Plan submitted by the applicant. The Committee resolved to grant planning permission subject to the conditions set out in the report but asked that officers inform Members of the outcome of consultations with Latton PC and Cricklade TC regarding the Draft Transport Plan.

Responses from Latton Parish Council and Cricklade Town Council

Latton Parish Council

5. The Parish Council welcomed the intention to prohibit HGV movements along the de-trunked A419 and confirmed that the disciplinary measures to be imposed on drivers who infringed the requirements of the Transport Plan appeared to be logical and adequate. However, the Council had some concerns regarding monitoring and policing of measures and frequency of checks to be undertaken. For residents to be able to check that the Plan is operating properly it was suggested that they needed to be able to identify the HGVs using the facility and therefore proposed that a prominent colourful sticker be displayed in the windscreen of HGVs using the recycling facility so that they could be identified if they travelled through the village. If identified in this way then the registration numbers could be recorded and the operator informed.

Cricklade Town Council

6. In a similar vein, the Town Council largely welcomed the Plan but felt that lorries needed to be marked to indicate their destination so that local people would know where they were travelling to and from.

Officer Comments

7. Officers have considered the responses of the two Councils and discussed matters with the Applicant.
8. It is considered that the display of large stickers in the vehicle windscreens could possibly contravene road traffic regulations and health and safety considerations. Moreover, this practice would be open to abuse since drivers could remove or 'hide' the stickers if they were travelling along prohibited routes set out in the Plan. In view of this, it is proposed that a more appropriate response would be to carry out 'target checks' on an ad hoc basis to try to identify drivers who may be using the restricted routes without authority.
9. In addition to the above, residents would be encouraged to forward registration numbers of vehicles which were suspected of being in breach of the requirements and these could be checked against weighbridge records of vehicles using the site and their origin to determine whether or not they were in breach. The Applicant will distribute a leaflet to residents along the restricted routes providing details of the Plan and how to report any suspected breaches.
10. Instructions would also be issued to all drivers using the site and an update of the target checks would be given at the Eysey Manor Liaison Group meetings which are held on a six monthly basis with a copy of the update being sent to Cricklade TC for information. Any drivers found to be in breach of the Transport Plan without good reason (i.e. those matters covered in paragraph 7 of the Plan) would be subject to the disciplinary measures set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Plan.
11. It is considered that this is an acceptable approach to the regulation of HGVs using the inert aggregate recycling facility on site and is 'fit for purpose'. The checks to be carried out by Tarmac would be supplemented by those carried out by Council Officers.
12. The above points have been relayed to the two Councils concerned with a request to forward any comments they may have on them within a specified timescale. No comments have been received from either Council. Therefore, it is assumed that they are in agreement with the above way forward. The Local Highway Authority has been consulted on the Transport Plan and is of the view that the Plan is acceptable.

Conclusions

13. Having taken into account the comments received from Latton PC and Cricklade TC, it is considered that the carrying out of unannounced 'target checks' on drivers using the facility and a reporting procedure to the Eysey Manor Liaison Group meetings on a six monthly basis with a copy sent to Cricklade TC is the most suitable way forward.

Recommendation

14. That the site Transport Plan formally submitted on 14th April, 2008, attached at **Appendix 1**, be approved and that this element of Condition 8 of Planning Permission N/07/07017 be discharged in regard of scheme approval.

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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None