

Stuart Choak

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Subject: Transport/Highways Scoping Request - Washington Sandpit, Hampers Lane, Storrington
Attachments: General Arrangement RMC Workshops S278.pdf

Dear Stuart

Thank you for your emails on this subject and I am sorry for the delay in replying. I have included some comments below (in blue) on the information you gave and hope that these are helpful. There is strongly-expressed local concern about any development locally and opinions on traffic and road safety are often used to express this. If your client is not already in touch with them it may be worth ensuring that Washington Parish Council and Heath Common Residents Association are kept informed of progress on the proposals. The Parish Council's contact details are: Clerk: Rebecca Luckin
Tel: 01903 893548 / Email: clerk@washingtonparish.org.uk.

Section 73 Planning Application (Continuation of Existing Operations)

- Study area network to include the site access onto the A283-Storrington Road and the A24 Interchange. This reflects the fact that all goods vehicle movements occur to/from the east. The A24 interchange shall be considered in the context of its geometry and safety performance only. The development trip generation shall be shown at the junction but no capacity analysis undertaken.

This would be acceptable.

- Review of the geometry of the study area highway network to determine its suitability to accommodate the continued use by development traffic (particularly hgv's).

This approach is accepted.

- Review of accidents that have occurred on the study area highway network over the most recent 5-year period, to determine if there is a pattern or frequency of accidents that might be suggestive of a deficiency in the highway network that is leading to an unacceptable safety risk.

This would be welcomed.

- First principles calculation of the trip generation of the existing facility based on the annual output, typical vehicle payloads, operating days and working hours.

This would be welcomed, particularly if based on real data.

- The resultant trip generation shall be compared to a traffic flows on the A283-Storrington Road which have been growthed (using TEMPRO) to 2016 (the final year of extended operations), and the relative effect considered. The effects shall have due regard to the "Guidelines for the Environmental Assessment of Road Traffic" (Institute of Environmental Assessment).

This approach is accepted.

- Capacity analysis of the site access junction using PICADY shall be undertaken with the primary purpose of identifying the extent of any delay to westbound traffic on the A283.

This proposal is accepted.

It would be helpful if the operation of the junction in relation to traffic from Hampers Lane itself could be examined. There is local concern about conflicting traffic movements at the junction and any proposals to formalise HGV exits from the Sandpit site

eg by some form of traffic control in relation to Hampers Lane would be welcomed.

The approved development of 70 dwellings at the RMC Workshops site to the east of the Sandpit site brings with it alterations to the road layout on the A283. A plan is attached showing a submitted S278 plan, although this is not necessarily the exact layout which will result from the S278 works.

Environmental Impact Assessment (Infilling of the Void)

- As above but with minor alterations listed below.

Accepted.

- Surveyed traffic flows shall be growthed to represent the year of opening (2016) and the anticipated final year of infilling (2021) using TEMPRO growth factors.

This proposal is accepted.

- The baseline traffic flows shall comprise any developments that have the benefit of planning permission and which have the potential to materially alter the pattern of traffic on the study highway network. We would ask that the Highway Authority advise us of any such developments.

The only current development likely to impact on the adjacent road is the RMC Workshops housing development, planning ref Horsham District Council DC/1457/10. Full details are available via the HDC website. There are two housing developments in Storrington, one of which has been refused and is being appealed and one which has not yet been determined. These are not of a scale which will impact materially on the A283.

- The non-car travel opportunities shall be considered in the context of what might be considered adequate for the scale and nature of the proposed development.

This approach is accepted.

Please note that I have sent a copy of this response to the two County Councillors covering this locality for their information and have emphasised that confidentiality must be respected.

Kind regards

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