

Botley Parish

Bubb Lane is a well-used 50mph road, which is the main link from Hedge End towards Horton Heath and Fair Oak. The proposed development would supply local builders and landscapers who would likely be working on projects in nearby towns and villages. As already set out in the submitted Transport Statement, the application site has a safe and suitable access to the highway with appropriate visibility splays, and the development will not generate a significant increase in vehicle traffic on the local road network. It would therefore not adversely affect the local highway network and the Highways Authority have confirmed their agreement with this in their consultation response. They have also requested a condition to limit the number of HGV movements allowed to enter and exit the site each week which we are agreeable to. Given that customers would likely be using purchased materials in local projects (including Botley), and that the number of vehicles is so small, we would argue that it is therefore not necessary, reasonable, or enforceable to require a 'traffic route map' for the proposed development.

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This response acknowledges itself that the site "had, through disuse, become derelict and untidy in recent years,". The existing use of the site is agricultural, and this means that at any time, the landowner could choose to clear the overgrown vegetation and re-commence an agricultural use of any kind, including things such as the use of storage containers, storage of farm equipment and vehicles etc which would have a similar appearance to the proposed use of the site. We therefore don't agree that they are out of keeping with their "semi-rural character" and "countryside setting", nor that they are an 'urbanising form of development', nevertheless, we have proposed the attached planting plan which includes measures to help visually screen the site from viewpoints and allow it to better assimilate into its surroundings.