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Dear S Betteridge

Freedom of Information Act 2000, Reference: FOI-5742-2020

The council has completed its search relating to your request about HGV lengths received on Wed, 17 Jun 2020.

Request

My request for information concerns the HGV lengths shown on SK120 (the Vehicle Tracking diagram) included with the application for a non-material amendment to 1/18/9012. Please provide:

1. All data you hold (including communications, simulations, reports and assessments) on the noise, air pollution and traffic impact of HGVs with lengths as indicated on the SK120 diagram and how these compare with the noise, air pollution and traffic impact of the 1/18/9012 without amendment.
2. Please include all information you hold on any discussions or communications with the developer, or anyone acting on behalf of the developer, with regard to the vehicle lengths.
3. Please include any data you may hold on the assessment of the landscaping impact arising from accommodating vehicles of this length.
4. Please include any data you hold on the impact on neighbouring land users of accommodating vehicles of this length and whether any impact is material or non-material.
5. Please provide any information held on the justification for permitting or refusing the proposed vehicle length and any resulting landscape change(s).

Response

1. No specific data held.

The impacts in terms of noise, air pollution and the traffic impacts of HGV movements have been assessed under planning application 1/18/9012. These aspects are currently under consideration with the non-material amendment application submitted to the County Council. All assessments in relation to the above are available to view on Cumbria County Councils website under the appropriate entries for the planning applications and the application for the non-material amendment.

2. CCC hold no data or correspondence with regard to HGV lengths. Furthermore, this is not a material planning consideration as the planning authority has no specific control over the length of vehicles in use on the public highway.

3. No correspondence or data held by CCC. Given the development is located on private, gated land, the length of vehicles to be accommodated has no direct impact upon the assessment of landscaping on the site.

4. No specific data held – the vehicles will be using a private access road designed to take large HGV's and provide an adequate turning head/junction which has been designed to allow access onto the newly constructed access road from the public highway. The actual vehicle length is not a material planning consideration and not within the control of the planning authority under planning legislation.

5. No information held. The permitted access and road layout has been designed to accommodate HGVs of the maximum length and is endorsed by Highways England and the County Councils highways engineers.

If you have any issues relating to this letter you should attempt to resolve them, in the first instance, with the council, by requesting an Internal Review. If you would like to request a Review please contact the Information Governance Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Further information can be found on the council's website: <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/council-democracy/accesstoinformation/internalreviewscomplaints.asp>

Yours sincerely

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