

**District: Cherwell**

**Application No: 20/00307/DISC**

**Proposal:** Discharge of Condition 12 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) of 19/00607/F

**Location:** Land At Skimmingdish Lane And Land And Roundabout At, Bicester Road, Launton

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## **Transport Development Control**

### **Recommendation:**

No objection

The plan has been amended to take account of my previous comments, as below.

### **Comments:**

1.2 *There is insufficient commitment to avoiding peak hour traffic. Deliveries must be planned to avoid peak hour traffic on the Bicester perimeter route, which is highly congested. Deliveries should be timed to arrive outside traffic sensitive times which are 7.30-9.00 and 15.30 onwards, when school children will be walking home.*

**Plan now states that for the purposes of compound construction deliveries will be scheduled between 0900 and 1530**

3.4 *We are unclear why the PRow closures are necessary for the construction of this compound; however, our comments on the proposed closures are as follows:*

**Plan now states that there will be no PRow closures during compound construction.**

4.2 *Stacking of vehicles on the highway must be eliminated, not minimised.*

**The Plan states that the Delivery Management System provides precise control of deliveries with the ability to eliminate stacking of vehicles on the highway. OCC expects that this system will be used effectively.**

5.2 *All signs should be 450mm back from the edge of carriageway, whether this is kerbed or not. This applies to the sign face and not the post.*

**The Plan has been amended to state this.**

The sentence regarding the height of the sign should read 'a minimum of 2.2m to the underside of the sign' – not 'about'.

**The plan has been amended to state this.**

5.3 *Signs should be erected in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual (relevant Chapter). They must be located so as not to interfere with vision splay. Permission granted by Authority is indicative of location and it will be the responsibility of EWR to site the sign in the safest position. All signs on stands should be weighed down with sandbags or equivalent*

*There is no Chapter 11 of Traffic Signs Manual - this should state Chapter 1*

## **The Plan has been amended accordingly**

*Figure 3, and para 6.1 Protection of highway assets: It is noted that Figure 3 shows an HGV route heading northwest along the A4421 from the Charbridge Lane roundabout. This does not correspond with the route to the compound described in 3.2, which is accepted. This point should be clarified, as the A4421 to the north must not be used to access this compound. Also, the construction route to compounds in Bucks off the A4421 is understood to be via Junction 10 and the B4100, so I am not clear what traffic would be using this section of the A4421.*

**It has been explained that although not the primary route, this is a permitted construction traffic route within the TWAO.**

*This section of route gives us cause for concern because bridge assessment records for Launton Sluice (OCC ref. 0081), immediately NW of the roundabout, are poor, and there is a low risk that a weight restriction may need to be imposed.*

**EWRA is now aware of this risk and will use appropriate diversion routes should a weight restriction have to be imposed (which is unlikely).**

6.4 *we have not received any information on a condition survey for Bicester Road, Launton, which the compound takes access. Most of this will be covered by S278 works, although this needs clarification.*

**The Plan states that a visual record will be made prior to construction and that the TWAO powers may be exercised in order to mitigate any unnatural degradation of the road in this area.**

6.5 *The method of noticing is incorrect. From 1/4/2020 Street Manager will be the platform for raising permits within Oxfordshire.*

**It has been explained that the method of noticing is governed by the TWAO and therefore noticing will be via Network Rail Streetworks Dept. Appropriate working arrangements are being discussed at the Highways Technical Working Group.**

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**Date:** 28 April 2020

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