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Subject: RE: 19/02001/F - The Chaff Place, High St, Bodicote

Dear Nat

I am so sorry for the delay in responding to this.

I have reviewed Tom's response and the updated Transport Statement, DTA, dated 14th April 2020, and have visited the site on foot.

A speed survey has been carried out by the applicant and a drawing provided showing the achievable visibility splays at the junction. This demonstrates that visibility splays in accordance with Manual for Streets can be achieved, albeit they could have temporary obstructions caused by parked cars or stopped buses. However, on street parking as a temporary obstruction is normal and accepted within a built up area. Buses would be stopped for a very short time and drivers could wait for them to move on before exiting.

Pedestrian visibility splays are not discussed in the TS, and I know this was one of Tom's concerns. (This is the visibility of pedestrians approaching on the footway from a driver waiting to pull out of the junction). However, this is an existing agricultural access and use as a residential access (accessed mainly by cars) would probably be less of a risk in this respect. It is not unlike other accesses in the village and there is not an existing accident record.

There does remain a slight risk of vehicles not being able to pass one another in the narrow entrance, but again, this is not unlike other accesses locally and in similar, village locations. It is most likely that the vehicle exiting would reverse within the site to allow the other vehicle to enter, and the site plan shows that this would not be too difficult.

In light of the above I hereby remove the Highway Authority's objection to this planning application.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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