

OCC Response to Hornton PC Transport Report

I've picked this up in Roger's absence - he is on leave at the moment, but I have found correspondence about this and remember discussing the matter with Roger and Gemma at the time. The letter to the Parish Council states:

The review includes the commissioning of a separate Transport Review undertaken by Motion (Transport and Infrastructure Planning). Motion's report of May 2023 is **attached** for your attention, and the County Council as Local Highway Authority, an important consultee. The County have seen an advance earlier version of Motion's report, but it is superseded by this later version, and is accompanied by Dashcam footage showing highway safety conflicts on a previous race day at the track (October 2020). This is attached by way of a digital file link.

This later version of the Motion report is dated May 2023 but neither this nor the previous version of the report appear to have been submitted formally to the planning authority as I can't find them on the file. I note that Roger had urged Mr Philcox to submit the report formally but for whatever reason, he does not appear to have done so. Nevertheless, Roger reviewed the April version of the Review after Mr Philcox sent it to him directly, and wrote to Gemma about it on 24 May – email attached. I have compared the 26 May version with the April version and it appears to be largely the same but to include more reference to the access being unsuitable for motorhomes, and additional information putting forward an argument that visibility at the junction is substandard, along with the video of a motorhome entering the site.

I note that Roger had visited the site in 2021 and judged the visibility to be acceptable. I have no reason to doubt him, especially considering it is an existing access. I also note that Roger recommended that the access would need to be upgraded, with details required by condition. This would allow for the geometry to be improved to make it more suitable for large vehicles.

Therefore, I don't consider that, had OCC been consulted on either version of the Transport Review, we would have changed our responses of June and March 2021.

Kind regards

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