



15 Mount Pleasant
Ewell Village
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3rd March 2020

Dear Sir

RE: M25 Junction 10 / A3 Wisley Interchange Improvement Plan

In response to the ExA questions:

2.12.7 GGLW Question: *In the event that the Proposed Development was to be consented and implemented without being amended to incorporate a private means of access following your preferred alignment, what operational changes do you consider would you need to make to facilitate the operation of the Heyswood campsite?*

GGLW will require:

As stated in REP2-030

- a. an electric gate to be provided to access the south-eastern parcel of land.
- b. that the shared PMA be enclosed with a 2m high solid fence (i.e. opaque) on both sides to ensure the privacy and security of our users in the now separate parts of the site.
- c. to effectively operate the site, the bungalow will need to be relocated within the south-eastern part of the site - we disagree with HE's view (REP2-014 page 63) as stated in REP3-061
- d. that the games store /shop be relocated to ensure that the entrance is within the south-eastern area.

In addition GGLW will require:

- e. additional car parking space within the main area as the PMA will no longer be available for parking as it will obstruct access to Court Close Farm. This will reduce the flat grass area available for camping and other outdoor activities
- f. a 'green' track within the area so that both accommodation blocks can be reached via the one access gate.
- g. the provision of additional lockable gates in the fencing to allow, occasional, vehicle access to both the east and west ends of the site.
- h. our orienteering course has several posts within the woodland and without the current freedom these would need to be relocated, making the course less challenging.

f. that the numbers of leaders with the girls will need to be increased if a group are to visit the ancient woodland area as there are no toilet facilities there, e.g. any girl requiring to use the toilet will need to be escorted across the PMA and our safe guarding policy requires that there is always a minimum of two leaders present with a group.

2.12.8 (a) GGLW Question: *Further to the meeting that took place between the Applicant, GGLW and the owner of Court Close Farm on 6 February 2020 to discuss an 'alternative solution' for access to the Heyswood campsite and Court Close Farm [paragraph 2.2.1 of REP4-010], please provide an update on how discussions have progressed since the 6 February meeting.*

GGLW warmly welcomed the revised alternative PMA's proposed by HE (Document TR010030 9.56 Applicant's comments on Girlguiding Greater London West's Deadline 3 submission). Our preference would be for the PMA with passing bays, the PMA with traffic lights being less attractive. Most importantly, both routes would resolve our serious safeguarding concerns that we have previously raised. We can confirm that the additional 'land take' required outside of the DCO boundary is acceptable to GGLW.

As Girlguiding has teaching young members to respect and care for the environment as one of its fundamental aims, GGLW wish to be able to continue this in the future at the campsite. Therefore, at the meeting with HE on 6 February, GGLW informed HE that it would be happy for any displaced ancient woodland soil from this area to be translocated within one of the woodland areas of the rest of the campsite.

GGLW were seriously concerned when a subsequent meeting was held with HE on 24 February where amended plans were tabled with HE commenting that they did not think the proposal would be accepted.

We have not yet had notes from either the meeting of 6 or 22 February.

However, our understanding of the reasons for this route not to be accepted are that it requires a temporary land take of an additional 3m of the ancient woodland and this would not be allowed by Natural England. This temporary land take is required to build the access road. We questioned whether the track could be built from the A3 at the same time as the road is widened so that this temporary land take is not necessary. We were informed that this would not be possible as it would extend the time it would take to complete the work and therefore it would go over budget and over the designated timescale for the project.

We understand that the next step is for Land Interest letters to be sent to all interested parties (10 organisations/landowners)

Future Hearings

We will be attending the hearings on 24-26 March. We may wish to speak once we know the detailed agendas for each day.

Yours sincerely

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County Commissioner Greater London West