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Dear Graham

Re: Planning Application 2014/0867
Erection of Extension to Workshop Premises at 30 Commercial Road, Goldthorpe

Further to your email correspondence dated 9 September 2014 regarding highways issues for the above application we would advise as follows:

It is good that the Officer from the Highways, Engineering and Transportation Department has recognised that:

- the site has good access to the A635;
- Commercial Road does not suffer from overspill parking;
- the onsite parking provision will remain compliant with SPD – Parking;
- drawing no. 5 shows the anticipated departure route from the proposed extension for a 16 metre articulated vehicle; and
- the 12.5 metre turning radius indicates most vehicles using European roads would be able to turn in the yard.

However, concern is raised by the Officer's ensuing suggestion that the applicant may be proposing to reverse vehicles into the site from Commercial Road which is clearly not a realistic option.

It should be noted that access for deliveries was discussed in detail with the architect prior to agreeing the factory door positions to ensure maneuverability would not present an issue. Mr Harrison has indicated that current deliveries are made using the area of the turning circle indicated on drawing no 5.

With regard to the proposed development, transport access requirements will be as follows:

- Articulated 'Floatliners' are utilised by the major glass producers and in all likelihood Pilkington Glass will be supplying the glass sheets. It is known that the Floatliner trailer is 10.7 metres in length rather than the standard 13.6 metre trailer associated with a 16.5 metre articulated vehicle. The total length of the articulated vehicles to be used (with Floatliner unit attached) is estimated to be approximately 14.85 metres in length which would easily turn in the 12.5 metre radius shown in the yard area on drawing no. 5 without the need to provide additional drawings.

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- The turning space indicated on the plan would be used for access to the site driving forward in the normal manner into the factory yard without the need to reverse from Commercial Road.
- The delivery vehicle would be turned around in the yard and reversed into the building (from the yard) to allow the offloading of packs of glass from the rear of the Floatliner trailer unit. The driver would be assisted by a banksman to ensure safety.
- After completion of the delivery, the vehicle would already be facing the exit on departure from the building and therefore drive in a forward direction from the building, across the yard to the Commercial Road exit in the normal manner.
- On the basis that each glass delivery in a Floatliner would be approximately 20 tonnes, the frequency of delivery would be in the region of once per month.

The applicant hopes that the Highways, Engineering and Transportation Department will reconsider its opinion and offer support to an enterprise that is of great benefit to the Barnsley economy, is developing energy efficient building products and seeks to further contribute to the provision of employment within an area designated for the development of employment sites.

Yours sincerely

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