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Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Planning and Transportation Service

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Dear Sirs,

Full Planning Application for:

Installation of an Above Ground Fuel Tank, at Unit 4, Aldham Industrial Estate, Mitchell Road, Wombwell Barnsley, South Yorkshire S73 8HA.

By: Yorkshire Tiger (an Operating Company of ARRIVA PLC)

PLANNING, DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

1. Introduction

- 1.1** Arriva is one of the largest transport services organisations in Europe, employing more than 42, 000 people and delivering more than one billion passenger journeys across 12 European countries each year.
- 1.2** In recent years, ARRIVA has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bahn AG, one of the World's leading passenger and logistics service providers, employing over 220,000 people across 130 countries.
- 1.3** In the UK, ARRIVA operates a major network of Bus, Rail and Coach services. This includes a UK strategic bus network, which naturally includes Yorkshire.
- 1.4** Since its inception, ARRIVA has continuously and heavily invested in its transport infrastructure, including its many depots and operating facilities.
- 1.5** ARRIVA has grown both through acquisition and organically, and in local terms the takeover of various local transport operators by ARRIVA has resulted in a very strong and healthy public service provision.
- 1.6** ARRIVA operates numerous Bus Partnerships, which have been set-up with local Councils, and these have proved to be very effective in serving the interests of local communities.

- 1.7** The Council and Arriva are both agreed that a modern, continuously evolving Public Transport service will help to achieve the Council's sustainability aspirations, at the same time as reducing demand for the private motor vehicle, and assisting in the resolution of traffic congestion.
- 1.8** Yorkshire Tiger is an operating company within ARRIVA PLC. It is a West Yorkshire Bus Company that runs dependable, value for money, inter urban, town and rural bus services that get people to work, to the shops, to Stations and out and about.
- 1.9** The distinctively orange striped livery of Yorkshire Tiger's buses is well known in West Yorkshire, with services covering the following areas.



1.10 Services operated by Yorkshire Tiger include:

Barnsley: 7, 23, 23a, 24, 72, 72a, 92, 92a, 200, 203, 401, 491

Bradford: 526, 571, 737, 747

Dewsbury: 262

Doncaster: 203

Halifax: 21,21,22, 343, 513, 514, 526, 561, 562, 572, X58

Harrogate: 747

Huddersfield: 80, 81, 82, 84, 231, 232, 319, 324, 360, 366

Leeds: 737, 747, 757

Leeds-Bradford Airport: 737, 747, 757

Rochdale: X58

Wakefield: 231, 232, 435, 436.

- 1.11** Yorkshire Tiger provides a very valuable Public Transport service, and does so throughout the area.

2. The Proposals

- 2.1** Yorkshire Tiger has very recently taken occupation of Unit 4 of the Aldham Industrial Estate, in order to provide a base for specific Bus operations relevant to the Barnsley area.
- 2.2** This was an enforced move, following the ending of Leases on premises elsewhere.
- 2.3** After an extensive and in-depth search of potential operating premises in the general area in which they were required, Yorkshire Tiger discovered that an end-terrace Unit was available at the Aldham Industrial Estate.
- 2.4** Given the immediate constraint on time, the building could be utilised immediately, and without alteration, subject to the necessity to install an above-ground fuel tank.
- 2.5** The location is near-perfect, and in a situation where opportunities are very few and far-between.
- 2.6** Within the building, there is carried out the parking and cleaning the Buses, and their refuelling. It does not include any maintenance or engineering activities, as these are carried out by third parties, on sites elsewhere in the County. It is therefore a low-impact Use, equivalent to B8.
- 2.9** In building Use and vehicle movement terms, the Buses leave the building at the start of the operating day and return at the end of the operating day, whereupon they require refuelling, hence the need for the fuel tank.
- 2.10** The fuel tank will be located to the side of the building, within the secured yard area, as indicated on the drawing and overhead view. The impact of the tank and its use therefore are not high, especially given the location of the building, on the end of the terrace.

3. Critical Nature of the necessity of the proposed tank

- 3.1** It is essential for the operation of these vitally important Public Bus services that Yorkshire Tiger can refuel from this location.
- 3.2** The proposals are critical to the wellbeing of the operation of the Bus services, together with the employment of numerous local employees involved in providing the Public Transport services in the area.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bob Newell, Chartered Town Planner, for ARRIVA PLC.