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**Reference** LCC/2021/0012  
**Location** LOWER HALL FARM SAMLESBURY  
**Proposal** EXTRACTION OF SAND AND GRAVEL INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ACCESS ROAD AND NEW JUNCTION WITH A59 PRESTON NEW ROAD, CREATION OF PLANT SITE, WEIGHBRIDGE AND STOCKPILING AREA, SILT PONDS, LANDSCAPING INCLUDING SCREEN MOUNDING, WITH PROGRESSIVE RESTORATION TO WETLAND AND PASSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT FACILITY, WOODLAND AND AGRICULTURE

Dear Planning Department

Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way raises an object to the application and provides the following comments.

### **Comments/Objections**

The proposed access track interjects with footpath FP0710026, FP0071027 and bridleway BW0710024. All crossing locations are to have a refuge area each side of the path with good visibility splays for footpath/bridleway users to observe vehicle movements and vice versa.

Highway Layout Plan 1 places stiles either side of the track where public right of way FP0710026 crosses. The stiles are to be replaced with self closing pedestrian gates or kissing gates to BS 5709:2018 standards.

Highway Layout Plan 2 shows footpath FP0071027 to cross the track without placing gates either side of the track. What is the rationale for infrastructure at the crossing point with FP0710026 if not necessary for footpath FP0710027?

Highway Layout Plan 3 omits to highlight that the access track will intersect with bridleway BW0710024, recorded as running along Potters Lane. What measures are proposed on the access track to protect path users?

### **Ground level/drainage**

Any changes in ground level or installation of drainage should ensure that surface water is not channelled towards or onto a public right of way either within the proposed development site or in close proximity – this is to ensure public rights of way are not exposed to potential flooding or future maintenance issues.

### **Landscaping**

Any trees or bushes need to be at least 3 metres away from a public right of way to prevent any health and safety issues and potential maintenance issues e.g. Overhanging branches or roots coming through the surface of the footpath concerned either within the proposed development or in close proximity.

### **Temporary closure**

If works relating to the proposed development are likely to cause a health and safety risk to users of a public right of way a temporary closure order must be made and in effect prior to commencing those works. Applications should be made 4 weeks before commencement to avoid delay to the works.

### **Diversion**

If a diversion is needed or intended the applicant needs to ensure that the diversion is in place prior to any work commencing on a public right of way. Any disturbance of the existing route, without the appropriate confirmed Diversion Order would be liable to enforcement action taken against the developer.

### **Obstruction**

A public right of way should not be used to store materials, vehicles or machinery and if found to do so would be deemed an obstruction and the applicant would be subject to enforcement proceedings to remove.

### **Publicity of Application**

All applications that affect a public right of way (footpath, bridleway or byway), must be publicised by site notice in at least one place on or near the land to which the application relates for not less than 21 days; and by publication of the notice in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

Regards

Public Rights of Way

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