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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Overview

1.1.1 This Transport Note (TN) has been produced in relation to a planning application submitted for a 'Proposed Mixed Unit Holiday Accommodation Scheme' at Wild Rose Cottage, St Nicholas (2022/00449/FUL).
1.1.2 The highway authority at the Vale of Glamorgan Council (VoGC) has provided comments in relation to the Transport Statement (TS) submitted with the application, site access and site layout.
1.1.3 This TN provides further information for the highway authority based on these comments and presents an amended site layout and site access. The amended site layout plan can be seen at Appendix A.
1.1.4 The site layout has been revised following submission of the application and it is no longer proposed that the tourist accommodation scheme will accommodate touring caravans.
1.1.5 For ease, the following sections have been set out with the highway officer comments in navy boxes, with the Apex further information provided below. These comments have been grouped by topic, where appropriate, and on this basis may not follow the order set out by the highway authority.

## 2. PROPOSED SITE ACCESS

### 2.1 Overview

> 2. The junction shall be set out with minimum 6 m radius kerbing and appropriately shown on a plan.
> 4. Swept Paths/tracking will need to be provided for the site access for a large family car towing a large caravan and commercial/waste vehicles. There is a need to ensure that the access proposed in conjunction with the above comments will operate safely and prevent unsuitable manoeuvres on the highway to the detriment of highway safety.
2.1.1 The proposed access arrangement has been revised from the version included within the Transport Statement. The proposed revised site access arrangements are shown in Apex Drawing Number C22002-ATP-DR-TP-001-P02 in Appendix B.
2.1.2 The revised access arrangement reflects the changes to the proposed operation of the holiday accommodation scheme, which will no longer cater for touring caravans. The access has therefore been reduced in size and provides minor amendments to the existing arrangements.
2.1.3 The access road width will be increased to 4.8 metres from its current 4.2 metre width, which will continue for approximately 9 metres from Duffryn Lane allowing vehicles to pass within the site.
2.1.4 This revised access comprises a minor upgrade to the existing access arrangement, formalising the access with 4 m full height kerb radii on both sides connecting to Duffryn Lane.
2.1.5 The proposed access layout and geometry are in line with the design principles supported in DfT's Manual for Streets guidance, and as such are considered appropriate for the proposed development. Providing an access with a minimum 6 m radius, as requested by the highway authority, is not considered necessary for providing a safe access for the proposed development. Appendix C contains swept path analysis which demonstrates that the proposed 4 m radii and minor widening on the access road enables all vehicle movements associated with the site to be accommodated safely and without conflict at the access or on the adopted highway.

# 6. In addition to the above two points, it is unsure if a large family car towing a large twin axle tourer caravan will be able to turn in out of the junction of Duffryn Lane with the A48. Therefore, swept paths should be provided for the existing signalised junction. 

2.1.6 This comment is no longer applicable as caravans will not be accessing the site.

### 2.2 Visibility Splays

> 1. The visibility splays shown in the Transport Statement appear to be obstructed by private land. The site boundary will need to be set back or visibility splays will need to be free from obstructions and maintained in perpetuity. Also, in order to properly check the vision splays, a drawing to an appropriate scale should be provided.
2.2.1 As shown in the revised site access drawing, appropriate visibility can be achieved in both directions from the junction. Visibility splays of $2.4 \mathrm{~m} \times 43 \mathrm{~m}$ can be achieved in each direction, using a 1 m offset to the north which is considered appropriate and helps to minimise the removal of the applicants hedge line boundary. In addition, sufficient forward visibility is provided for vehicles approaching for at least 50 metres in both directions.
2.2.2 As stated in the TS, to maintain appropriate visibility to the north the existing hedgerow will be trimmed back behind the splay upon construction of the access. Visibility splays would be maintained between a height of 0.6 m and 2 m along their length, in perpetuity. All land for the access and the visibility splays is within the control of the applicant or in the adopted highway and as such the visibility splays can be delivered appropriately. The revised site access design, includes the ownership of the applicant and adopted highway information to demonstrate the entire visibility splay can be delivered appropriately within land in the control of the applicant.

### 2.3 Refuse Collection

> 7. Information is required as to the proposed maintenance of the site and waste collections. The bin store can be seen close to the access however it would not be advised for waste collection vehicles to obstruct the highway when collecting commercial waste for long periods of time as is indicated by the transport statement.
2.3.1 The access has been designed to accommodate cars and large vehicles such as maintenance/delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles. Larger vehicles such as refuse collection vehicles will serve the site from Duffryn Lane as per the current arrangement, using a new bin collection point shown on the revised site layout plan. The bin store is a short distance from the highway and appropriate for refuse collection, minimising the time spent collecting the waste.
2.3.2 Refuse vehicles can stop within the access itself or to the south of the access, in line with the current arrangements at this location and for other properties along Duffryn Lane. The carriageway is of sufficient width that refuse vehicles can wait at the access or on the highway and they will not obstruct through vehicle movements. This already occurs, infrequently, at this location and at other locations along Duffryn Lane with no evidence of a safety issue.

## 3. SITE LAYOUT

### 3.1 Overview

3.1.1 The revised site layout has been designed to accommodate all vehicles associated with the site including cars and large vehicles such as maintenance and delivery vehicles, and emergency vehicles. Larger vehicles such as those required for refuse collection will serve the site from Duffryn Lane as per
the current arrangement using a new bin collection point, as outlined above. Touring caravans are no longer being catered for within the proposed tourist accommodation scheme.

### 3.2 Turning Areas and Passing Places

> 3.A turning head/ turning area will need to be provided within the site to ensure maintenance vehicles, waste vehicle and cars towing caravans are able to enter the site and leave in forward gear. The turning head at the top of the site is not deemed suitable and due to its location could potentially attract reversing out of the site. A turning area should be provided in the vicinity of Zone 1 or 2.
> 5. As per the above point swept paths/tracking will also need to be provided for the proposed turning area within the site.
3.2.1 The revised layout now includes additional turning heads within zones 1 and 2 . Appendix $C$ contains swept path analysis of appropriate vehicles using these turning areas as well as demonstrating appropriate inter-visibility between vehicles routing along the access road which ensures vehicles can move safely within the site.
3.2.2 The three formal turning locations provided within the site are as follows:

- Turning area using the entrance to the existing house in Zone 1 - this turning area will utilise the existing space within the site which is currently associated with the existing dwelling. The swept path analysis shows this turning area accommodates maintenance and emergency vehicles (including a fire tender) turning within the site safely. The turning area is located approximately 20 metres from Duffryn Lane and as such would not impact upon the operation of the access. This area also provides space for vehicles to pass safely within the site.
- Turning head located in Zone 2 adjacent to the yard and lodges - this turning head can accommodate up to a large transit van which would be suitable for visitors to the lodges and camping pitches, as well as maintenance vehicles.
- Turning head located at the end of Zone 3 adjacent camping pitches - this can informally accommodate vehicles up to a large transit van which would be suitable for visitors to the site including those with camper vans, as well as maintenance vehicles.
3.2.3 Sufficient width is provided for vehicles to pass safely along the access road in a number of locations, together with the formal turning areas this enables all vehicles associated with the site to access and egress in forward gear.


### 3.3 Parking

## 8. For the glamping pod parking, longitudinal bays should be a minimum of 6 m in length.

3.3.1 The revised site layout includes longitudinal parking bays at 6 m by 2.4 m .

### 3.4 Access Road Width

## 9. The width of the proposed access along zone 2 should be widened as 3 m would be insufficient for maintenance vehicles and emergency vehicles.

3.4.1 The revised site layout increases the access road to a minimum 3.7 m wide which is appropriate for all vehicles to manoeuvre appropriately. This width provides fire tenders with sufficient space to operate within the site.

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3.4.2 In addition to the turning areas, a pull-in space is provided between Zone 2 and 3 to enable vehicles to pass. It is noted that Zone 3 comprises a large camping field which will be appropriate for vehicles to manoeuvre to and from the camping pitches and can also be used as an informal area for turning.

## 4. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

4.1.1 This Transport Note has demonstrated that a safe and suitable access can be provided from Duffryn Lane appropriate for the proposed tourist accommodation scheme and the proposed site layout has been amended in line with comments from the highway authority.
4.1.2 As such, based on the further information provided we trust that the highway authority is able to make a positive recommendation on the application.

## Appendix A Revised Site Layout



## Appendix B General Arrangement of Revised Site Access and Visibility Splays



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## Appendix C Swept Path Analysis





