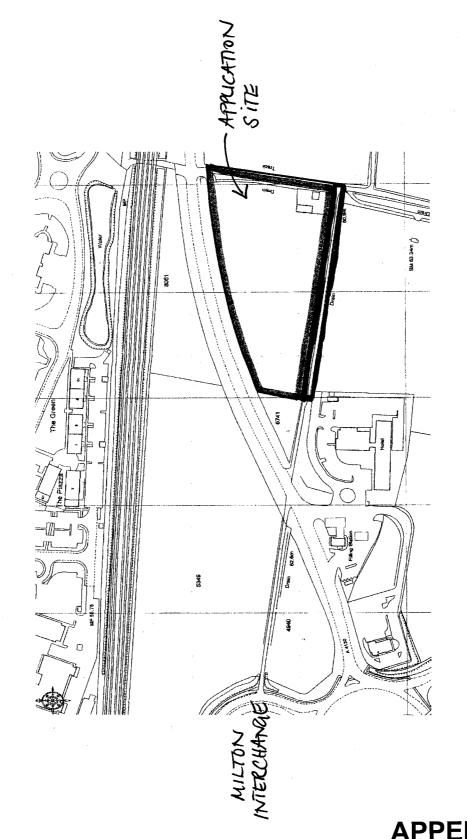

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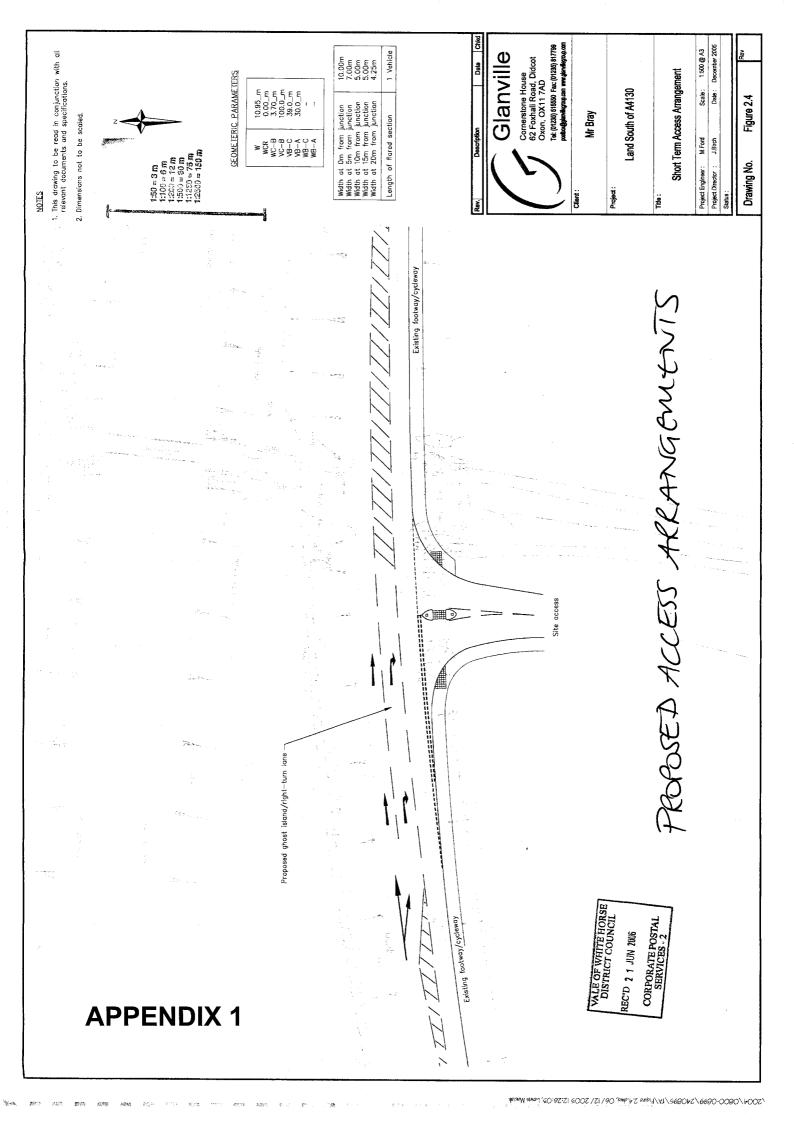


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For the attention of Mrs Geraldine LeCointe

18th July 2006.

Dear Mrs LeCointe

MIL/6026/4-X - LAND ADJACENT TO THE APPLECART, MILTON HEIGHTS.

Thank you for your letter of 29th June, with enclosures.

The Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:-

- 1. The majority of the proposed development appears to be downgraded to accident, breakdown and recovery not Services as proposed in the Structure Plan.
- 2. The entrance to the site will crossing a footway/cycleway thus causing a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists.
- 3. The A4130 is a fast busy road and the entrance to the site is on a bend, this is hazardous enough even without the probability that lorries will be queuing to cross onto the site.

In these circumstances we would urge the District Council to refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,

E.M. Sleep Parish Clerk. ACK-31.7.06

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CORPORATE POSTAL SERVICES - 5

Dear Geraldine,

06/00962/OUT MIL/6026/4-X Land adjacent to The Apple Cart Milton Heights

Didcot Town Council is aware of the above application and following a meeting of the Planning and Development Committee on Wednesday 26th July 2006 would like to express concern about the impact the development would have, particularly with regard to traffic flows and access arrangements.

It is considered that the application should be refused as the current infrastructure of the A34/A4130 is not adequate to sustain such a development.

I would be grateful if similar applications, in such close proximity to Didcot, could be forwarded to the Town Council for comment.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Tubb Deputy Town Clerk 27th July 2006

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APPENDIX 4





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31st July 2006

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Dear Geraldine

Proposal: Demolish existing buildings. Erection of new buildings to form trunk road

services, restaurant/hot food take-away, car and lorry parking, break down

recovery and repair, access, landscaping and associated works.

Location: Land adjacent to the Applecart, Milton Heights, Milton, Abingdon.

Application No.: MIL/6026/4-X

Thank you for your consultation on the above application which in brief proposes the erection of a variety of trunk road services on land adjacent to the A4130 (Didcot to Milton Road) which is part of a wider site allocated under Policy TR10 of the draft Local Plan as the 'A34 Service Area'.

Following a site visit, a number of discussions with the applicants transport consultants and having reviewed the Transport Assessment (dated December 05) submitted with the application, I write with the Highway Authority's comments on the application as currently detailed.

Access Arrangement

Given the existing high traffic flows along the A4130 and the number of turning movements a development of this nature is likely to generate, the Highway Authority engaged in extensive pre-application discussions with the applicants' highway consultants in order to arrive at an acceptable and appropriate access strategy for the site. As such, the Highway Authority has agreed that the three phase approach outlined in the Transport Assessment and briefly detailed below, is acceptable.

Richard Dudding
Director for Environment & Economy

Steve Howell Head of Transport In the 'short term' (Phase 1) the site will be accessed by way of a ghost right turn lane from the A4130, which through modelling software has been proven to operate satisfactorily. However in recognition of the quantum of development in the Didcot area, the Highway Authority consider it necessary for the operation of the junction to be monitored, by the developer, to ensure that the assumptions in the model are correct and excess queuing and the like do not become prevalent. Should, through the monitoring process, it become evident that the junction does not operate as anticipated in terms of capacity, it will be necessary to implement the 'medium term' (Phase 2) arrangement.

The 'medium term' arrangement would see the introduction of traffic signals at the access junction. This arrangement has also been modelled and has been shown to operate satisfactorily.

Finally, given the growth of traffic over time and the addition of traffic generated by other significant developments in the Didcot area, the Highway Authority consider it necessary to secure sufficient land to allow the delivery of a 'long term' access strategy (phase 3). Such works would maintain the signalisation of the junction but would require the widening of the junction to two lanes on both A4130 approaches to allow additional capacity.

It should be noted that a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has been undertaken on the proposed Phase 1 works which did not identify any significant safety problems with the design as currently detailed and it is therefore deemed acceptable.

Given the phased nature of the access strategy and the necessity for the developer to monitor the operation of the junction in its phase 1 form, it will be necessary for the monitoring, the delivery of the phase 2 works and the securing of sufficient land for the phase 3 works to be written into a Section 106 agreement. The applicant is satisfied with this requirement and a Section 106 agreement is being drafted accordingly. Further, the applicant will be required to enter into a Section 278 agreement for the delivery of the phase 1 works.

Traffic Impact

The Transport Assessment considers the impact of a development of this nature upon the local road network and specifically the operation of the Milton Interchange as inevitably, given the nature of the development, this is the junction which will be subject to the greatest increase in traffic.

The anticipated level of traffic generated by the development has been assessed by means of the TRICS database which carries information pertaining to the quantum of traffic generated by similar developments. However, given the diverse mix of facilities and amenities at service areas, the assessment has been based upon 'site area' rather than a quantum of floor space. The results of the analysis indicate that a development of 1.8 hectares, as proposed in this instance, would generate traffic in the region of the following quantum in the peak hours;

	Trips (Vehs)		
Peak Hour	Inbound	Outbound	Two-Way
Morning (08:00 – 09:00)	77 -	70	147
Evening (17:00 – 18:00)	105	97	202

Such flows would have between a 1.8 and 3.5% increase in the quantum of traffic passing through Milton Interchange in the morning and evening peak hours. Increases of this nature do not warrant the analysis of the junction itself in terms of capacity as percentage increases of below 5% are generally regarded as being less than the average daily fluctuation in flow through a junction and therefore not of material impact.

It will however been necessary for the developer of the site to pay a contribution towards the Didcot Integrated Transport Strategy (DIDITS) calculated using the following formula; 'X' additional trips added to the network, multiplied by £3197.

In recognition of the likely phased approach to the 'building out' of the site, such contributions will be calculated at the time of the application for full planning permission which the Highway Authority recognise may be forthcoming unit by unit rather than in one overall masterplan. As such, the abovementioned formula is also being written into the draft Section 106 agreement.

Accessibility

Given the nature of the development proposed and its location in relation to local urban centres, it should be recognised that the potential for access by means other than the private car is low and therefore with the exception of a few cycle borne trips by staff, journeys to the site will be largely car dependant.

Other Issues

Although paragraph 5.78 of the Local Plan states that a phased approach to the development of the site will be accepted by the District Council, it also requires that a 'comprehensive scheme' is prepared for the whole site. The Highway Authority therefore questions whether this has to-date been achieved. Naturally, should the full 9.2 hectares of the site be developed, the transport implications would be significantly more substantial than those associated with the 1.8 hectares currently forthcoming.

Arguably, any future application forthcoming on the remainder of the site will have to go through the same process as that currently being undertaken, i.e. the production of a Transport Assessment which demonstrates that the impact of the development can be mitigated and the like. However the Highway Authority does have concerns that the piecemeal approach to the development of this land is unlikely to demonstrate the full traffic impact of the development of the site.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Given the above, although the Highway Authority does have concerns over the piecemeal approach to the development of the site, it considers that the access strategy proposed is acceptable and the additional traffic generated by the development can be satisfactorily accommodated on the existing highway network. As such, the Highway Authority **does not object** to this development subject to the signing of satisfactory Section 106 and Section 278 agreements.

However, the Highway Authority makes this judgement on the basis that when detailed applications are received for this site, the total quantum of floor area does not generate traffic

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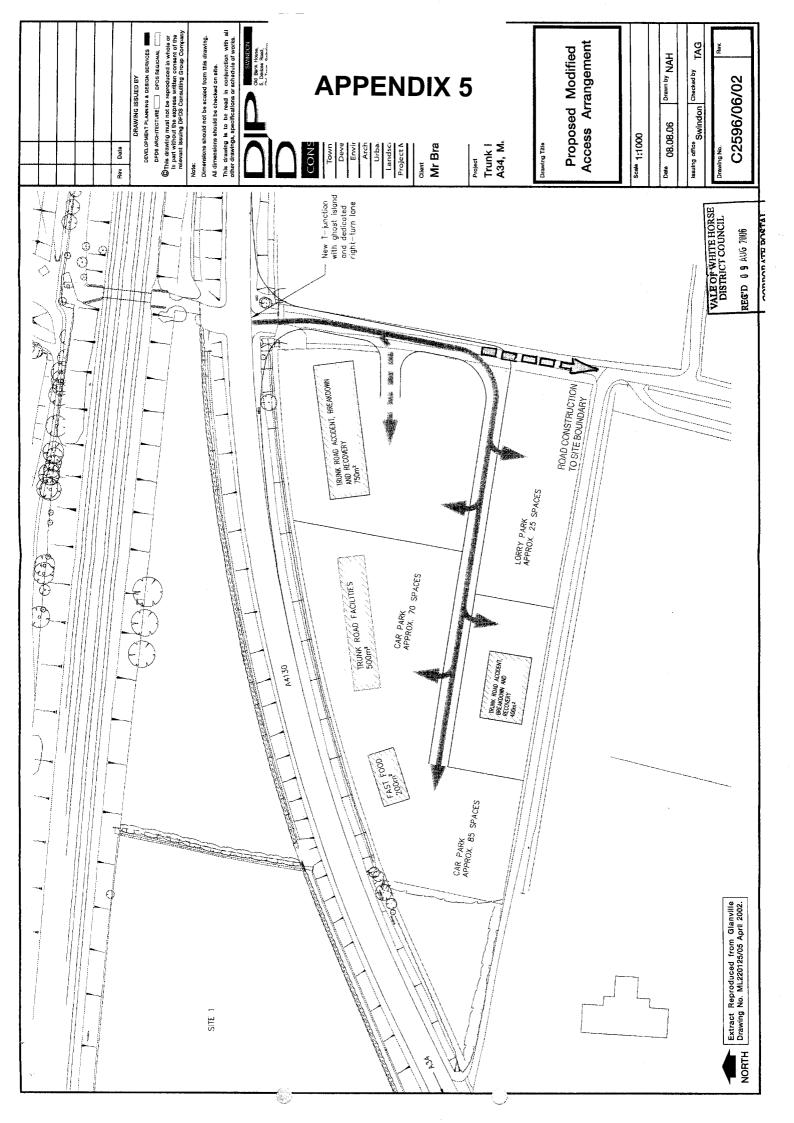
in excess of the quantum anticipated in the Transport Assessment and detailed above in this letter.

I trust you arte able to take the above comments into consideration and should you wish to discuss the application in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours\Sincerely,

Tim Foxall

Principal Transport Planner



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