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Subject: RE: 3375000 - Huddersfield - Site Visit

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Good morning,

For the site visit, the Inspector was intending to arrive in Stocks Moor by train, providing convenient access to the appeal site, as well as the scope to consider whether it would be safe to walk to the junction of Shepley Road / Stone Wood Lane.

However, the Inspector would need to walk up the wooded single-track stretch of Stone Wood Lane during the peak period, in order to reach Point D and so to be able to observe traffic at this location as requested by the Council. Given the health and safety issues raised in the evidence, and specifically mentioned by the Inspector at the Inquiry, it is not clear that this would be safe, particularly during peak hours.

Similarly, reaching Shepley Health Centre for 9.00am would entail the Inspector walking this same route during peak hours and continuing along the 'open' stretch of road to Shepley.

Consequently, this matter will require further discussion when the Inquiry resumes on Tuesday.

Kind regards

Stephen



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Good afternoon Stephen,

I refer to the Appellant's email below regarding the Inspector's site visit for this appeal, and can confirm that the suggested itinerary for the accompanied part of the Inspector's site visit is agreed by the Council.

In addition, the Council would like to request that, as part of his unaccompanied site visit, the Inspector spends at least 15 minutes during the morning peak period (8.00-9.00am) observing vehicle movements near the bend in Stone Wood Lane at the top of the hill into the woodland, at around Point D on the attached plan. The Council would be happy to discuss a specific location for the Inspector to carry out those observations from, as part of the Site Visit discussion and with the involvement of the other parties, in the Inquiry next Tuesday, and would advise the wearing of hi-vis and suitable footwear.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Jill

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Dear Stephen,

Please find below an agreed suggested itinerary for the Stocksmoor accompanied site visit, scheduled for Wednesday 4th March.

Suggested meeting point: 9am Shepley Health Centre, 25 Jos Lane, Shepley, HD8 8DJ

1. Stone Wood Lane

It is suggested that one representative from each party accompanies the Inspector on a walk of Shepley Road/ Stone Wood Lane towards the appeal site. This follows the direction of travel in which the highway evidence by both the Council and the Appellant has been discussed in relation to the proposed improvement works.

The attached plan identifies several locations along Stone Wood Lane where it is suggested the parties could stop and make any key observations for the short lengths of the road ahead.

2. Appeal Site

Following the walk along Shepley Road/ Stone Wood Lane it is suggested the parties make an accompanied visit of the appeal site. Other Members of each party may join the site visit at the point.

Key observations will be shared on site by the parties.

Following the appeal site visit transport will be arranged for party members who may have left vehicles at Shepley for the start of the Stone Wood Lane site visit to return to their vehicles.

To assist with the site visit the Appellant has offered to provide the Inspector and each party an A3 printed copy of the TPS proposed Improvement Plans (drawing no. 24071-LE-00-ZZ-DR-D-0110 and 0111), Optima Improvement Plans of Stone Wood Lane (drawing no. 25072-GA-01-04) and an A3 copy of the proposed Site Layout (drawing no. Z159.100 Rev G). Hi-Vis vests can be made available for those undertaking the Stone Wood Lane aspect of the site visit.

Appropriate footwear should be considered.

All parties are copied in for reference.

Kind regards,

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