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Christie Burns
Cumberland Council



PROPOSED NEW ACCESS, OXENRIGGS FARM 4/24/2296/0F1

Dear Christie,

I am response to the recent Parish objections in their email of 9th December 2024. I have isolated each point made and would like to respond as follows; (Extracts from e-mail in black and our response in blue)

1. It can be a bad section of road in the winter, as it gets no sun, there have been accidents on that section in winters past. When there's no ice it can be a fast stretch of road, especially in the summer months.

The average speed has been determined by the Speed Survey and found to be acceptable by County Highways who now have no objections.

2. The proposed new entrance would turn what is now a T junction to The Windscale houses into a slightly off centre cross road.

County Highways have not raised any issues and therefore we presume are happy with the proposal. We also understand that the lane opposite serves 1 house only.

3. There is already a road provision for the current houses, they all just need to club together, fill in the potholes and tidy it up.

If planning is given will the new road have to be tarmacked or will it just be shilled and in a few years it too will be full of potholes, which is one of the issues they raise in their application, hence why they want a new road.

What the current residents 'need' to do is subjective and therefore not a planning consideration. The new access however, **will** put the maintenance of the proposal directly into the applicants control.

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4. There is nothing wrong, that I can see, with the visibility splay they have for the current entrance point, people travelling the road have to naturally slow down at that point for the corner, max speed ~30MPH. The proposed new entrance you can easily be going 60MPH, and some of the younger residents of the parish maybe in excess of that if how they drive through the parish is anything to go by.

The 85th percentile speed has been determined by the Speed Survey to be 41.9mph and on that basis, County Highways do not have any objections to the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Carolyn Williamson