
Copeland area Planning Department, Cumberland Council

For the attention of Heather Morrison

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Your reference: 4/25/2408/DOC

Dear Heather Morrison

CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION

Appn: 4/25/2408/DOC
Site Address: YOTTENFEWS CAR PARK, YOTTENFEWS LANE, SELLAFIELD, SEASCALE
Proposal: PARTIAL DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING APPLICATION 4/08/2298/0

Thank you for your consultation on the above Discharge of Conditions Application.
The Local Highway Authority (LHA) can confirm as follows:

Condition 2 - Travel Plan - partial discharge relating to this specific paragraph:

Six months prior to the New Green Travel Plan coming to an end, and every three years thereafter, the applicant shall submit a further new green travel plan to the Local Planning Authority for approval, such further new green travel plan to have effect for a three year period, have the same or similar objectives to the New Green Travel Plan, be implemented in full, and be monitored and kept under review in accordance with the monitoring and review procedures set out above.

The submitted 'Site Travel Plan' covers the three year period from 2025-2028 as required by this part of Condition 2. The LHA has been consulted and has provided feedback and comments during the development of the plan over the past 12 months. The plan has the same overarching objectives as the earlier plans but with a suite of new and revised measures aligned in workstreams against the three objectives.

The LHA is satisfied with the proposed Travel Plan's reduced reliance on basic numerical targets, instead focusing on sustainable travel measures and considers this plan to be a suitable replacement, reflecting the dynamic and changing working practices, locations and projects etc.

The LHA have no objection to the partial discharge of Condition 2, but it is important to note that due to its recurring nature in replacing the Travel Plan every three years, this

part of the condition must remain in place. Note, the terminology can be changed from 'Green Travel Plan' to just 'Travel Plan'.

As you are aware the above paragraph is one of numerous paragraphs in Condition 2.

Advisory Comment

Might we suggest that the applicant considers a sec 73 variation to this condition to make it applicable to more than the Main Sellafield site and in particular this Car park.

TPs are constructed as “dynamic processes”, with content indicating that they will be reviewed, updated, and adapted over time as business use and needs evolve. It should consider the site's broader transport and travel strategies and integrate the Site's long term operational planning.

May we suggest a more rounded TP strategy along the following lines -

“A site-wide Travel Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the Acceptance of the Travel plan for the 2029 - 2031 Travel Plan. This Plan shall cover all operational areas, including the Yottenfews car park and all satellite locations associated with the Sellafield operation.

It shall include:

- baseline data for each location,
- objectives and targets for modal shift
- measures and management responsibilities covering the full site
- monitoring arrangements and remedial strategies,
- a review mechanism to incorporate new satellite locations as they become operational.

It is our view that this echoes best practice guidance across the UK and will ensure coverage of all operational areas within Sellafield.

Yours sincerely

Shamus Giles

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