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25 MAY 2015

Cloughton Road Upgrade – Decision No. NYM/2014/0780/FL

Mitigation statement in relation to condition 3 of planning permission.

During the upgrade of the forest road at Cloughton Woodland the following items shall ensure that condition 3 of the planning permission is met:

- English Heritage/ NYMPA Archaeological Department will be consulted/ informed of the proposed operation prior to work commencement. If required, a site meeting could be arranged to discuss the operation.
- The Scheduled Ancient Monument itself will be marked out on site with a physical barrier such as stakes and hazard tape.
- The location of the monument will be highlighted in the contractor's work pack and also clearly shown on the site hazard map.
- Restrictions associate with working beside the monument will be clearly written into the contractor's work pack.
- During the pre-start meeting, the location of the monument will be shown to the contractor and the restrictions written in the work pack will be clearly briefed.
- Regular monitoring of the work site and the monument will be undertaken by the contractor as well as Tilhill Forestry Staff with photographic evidence taken if required.
- No excavations will take place within the boundary of the ancient monument or will any spoil/ debris be deposited.
- There will be no widening of the existing road where the monument passes. Again this will be clearly marked out during pre-start and briefed to the contractor.

We have many years of experience in carrying out successful forestry operations around this Scheduled Ancient Monument at Cloughton in association with NYMNPAs Archaeological Department as well as English Heritage.

I have also attached a copy of one of our 'Tool Box Talks' which are also briefed to our contractors when carrying out work within our managed woodlands.

I hope that the above items satisfy your concerns but if any further information or discussion is required then please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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Mitigation statement in relation to condition 4 of planning permission.

During the upgrade of the forest road at Cloughton Woodland we plan to minimise the potential for debris to be carried onto the public highways as per the following measures:

- No mud will be carried/ tracked onto the existing forest road leaving a clean running surface at all times.
- All works will be carried out from the existing stone road so vehicle wheels should remain clean at all times.
- The upgrade has been scheduled to be carried out during the summer months when ground conditions are at their driest.
- The operation is anticipated to take no longer than 3 weeks to complete.
- If weather conditions do deteriorate during the period of work, then there is the potential that operations can be temporarily halted until ground conditions improve.
- As part of the long term management plan for the woodland, trees along the edge of the forest road have now been either removed or taken back into the line of the crop. Sunlight and wind can now dry the road surface very quickly if we do experience any wetter weather. This is especially the case on the last section of the forest road which leads up to the entrance gate.
- A road sweeper would be made available if seen to be necessary.
- Both the site and operation will be closely monitored by our own staff as well as the approved contractor who has many years of experience in road building.
- Work will be carried out in accordance with industry standards and best practice.

Previous problems with debris being carried out onto the road at this woodland occurred during the winter of 2013/14 when a third party contractor bought a large standing parcel of timber. The contract ran into the winter months and the contractor was continuously crossing the forest road close to the forest gate with large harvesting machinery dragging mud into the path of the timber lorries. The contractor continued to disregard the safety issues highlighted by both ourselves and Highways and only when faced with eviction from site did he finally organise a road sweeper.

It must be highlighted that the road upgrade is an entirely different operation to that carried during the harvesting/ brash chipping mentioned above. Although wheel washing facilities have been mentioned in the planning permissions conditions I can safely say that will not be necessary for this site during the time frame that we wish to carry out the work.

From a logistical point of view it's certainly useful to have a woodland accessible from an 'A' road, but as Forest Managers we fully understand our duty of care when carrying out such operations. Throughout the current management plan for the woodland we are working at gradually taking the tree line back from the road edge, not only increase our own visibility from woodland entrances but also improve the line of sight for all road users. Pulling back the tree line also reduces risk from windblown trees falling on to the verge or carriageway.

I hope that the above statement satisfies your concerns but if any further information or discussion is required then please feel free to contact me.

Regards,
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23 JULY 2016

Mitigation statement in relation to condition 5 of planning permission.

During the upgrade of the forest road at Cloughton Woodland the following items shall ensure that condition 5 of the planning permission is met;

- There will be no parking of vehicles associated with the on-site construction works outside of the woodland gate for the duration of the work. This will be written into the contractor's works contract, brief at the pre-start meeting and managed/ inspected throughout the duration of the contract by Tilhill Forestry Staff.
 - It is likely that there will only be one machine operator working on site for the duration of the operation. His vehicle will be parked in the woodland, on the existing forest road as would be the case for any other forestry operation.
 - Lorries delivering roading materials will be driving into the woodland on the existing forest road, turning round in the existing turning areas and exiting the woodland immediately after tipping.
 - There are currently two locations on the existing forest road where 8 wheeled tipper lorries could pass safely if required.
 - Drivers will be in radio contact with each other so there will be clear understanding of what vehicles are on the woodland road at any given time eliminating any need for waiting at the woodland entrance.
 - There will be no storage of bulk road building materials on site. Materials will be brought in exactly when required, tipped and built into the new road surface immediately, eliminating the need for double handling.
 - There will be no site compound. There is likely to be one machine kept on site for the duration of the work. This will be stored in the woodland when not in use for security reasons.
 - There will be no overnight accommodation on site.
 - The duration of the operation is not expected to exceed 3 weeks.
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- The public right of way will be managed by use of warning signs as per our standard forestry operating procedures.
 - The risk assessment and method statement for the roading operation will cover all elements of public interaction and appropriate controls will be created. The risk assessment will be reviewed on a daily basis.
 - The area PROW officer will be contact prior to commencement of work.

I hope that the above items satisfy your concerns but if any further information or discussion is required then please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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