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4th April 2009

Dear Mr Wootton,

Proposed Passing Areas and Road Widening to Class III Road, Edstaston, Wem.

I refer to our most recent discussions and site meeting regarding the above.

As discussed with Mr Walshaw from the Divisional Offices and yourself, my client wishes to improve the passing facilities in the vicinity of his business premises at Oaklands Farm, Edstaston. These works are not being provided as part of any ongoing or prospective planning application.

Attached hereto for your comments and/or approval is a copy of the Location Plan and Layout Plan.

The proposals include providing carriageway widening to form a passing area in close proximity to the farm access – passing bay 1. The widening is typically over 60m and is between 1.2m to 2.65m in width.

Passing area 2 is elongating and widening the existing passing area some 300m east of the farm entrance along the class III road. This is over some 60m and provides a carriageway width of between 7.0 to 7.7m maximum.

Both areas are to be constructed with minimum 500mm depth construction. This will far exceed the existing construction in the vicinity. It is proposed to test the subgrade once the areas have been excavated to ensure a satisfactory road foundation is provided.

You will note that I have proposed a Medium Temperature Asphalt Wearing Course, which will be better for laying and compacting in the narrower areas. Using a High Stone Content Asphalt would be more difficult to lay and compact in these locations.

I would be obliged if you would consider the proposals and confirm that these will be appropriate. I believe the works can be completed under a Section 184 (11) of the Highways Act 1980, which I would ask for your confirmation.

An appropriate contractor will be selected from the County Council's approved list.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly, however, should you have any queries or require any additional information please contact me.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A W Gough

cc: Mr I Walshaw, Assistant Divisional Surveyor, Hodnet.