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Dear Mr Callaghan

Threestoneburn Wood

I welcome recent discussion on the proposed removal of timber at Threestoneburn Wood and wish to set out the position of the Highway Authority regarding this proposal.

The Highway Authority have no objections to the proposal to remove timber but have serious concerns regarding the preferred route to be used by vehicles in the removal process.

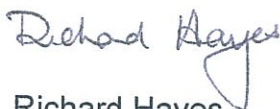
The significant concern is the effect of additional heavy vehicle movement at the junction of the A697 and C54 at Brandon Cottages. The junction is unsatisfactory to cope with movement of HGV's either fixed or articulated due to inadequate vertical sight lines and road widths to accommodate the turning arrangements. These concerns are increased due to the speed of approaching vehicles on the A697.

The Highway Authority have further concerns regarding the C54 and U1091 roads with inadequate road widths and passing places for HGV's.

The Highway Authority would prefer traffic to be routed via North and South Middleton albeit with some acceptance that road widths do create some problems which could be overcome.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Richard Hayes
Northern Area Highways Manager