

Summary of email correspondence with Hampshire Highways (all names and contact details removed)

Dear Parish Clerk

Thank you for your further email dated 16 August 2023.

The site has been reviewed by our Safer Roads team who have confirmed the vicinity of the proposed operating centre has a good safety record and there are no existing injury collisions recorded. It is acknowledged the concerns you have raised relate to the change of use in the near future and this has been taken into consideration as part of the recent assessment completed. In line with current policy, there is no justification to intervene on the basis of safety concerns. However, sites across Hampshire are regularly monitored, and the team liaise with the Police regarding incidents on the highway. If there is any change in circumstance noted, or pattern identified, the site will be reviewed and appropriate action will be taken where necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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From: Winchfield Clerk

Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:12 PM

To: Highways DMT Correspondence

Subject: RE: Ref.7127210 FW: Charrington Farm, Station Road, Winchfield

Dear Hampshire Highways

Thank you for responding to my email and letter regarding Charrington Farm.

Winchfield Parish Council understands and accepts that Hampshire County Council is unable to submit an objection, to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner, to the licence on behalf of the Parish Council.

However, in paragraph 3.8 of the [Office of the Traffic Commissioner - A Guide to making representations, objections and complaints \(English\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) it clearly states:

A traffic commissioner cannot take into account the non-environmental suitability, including safety, of the public highway leading to the operating centre or the road network. These are matters for the highway authorities.

As Hampshire County Council is the recognised Highways Authority is the Parish Council to infer from your letter that you do not have any road safety concerns or traffic management reservations

in regard to the haulage business to be operated from Charrington Farm via Station Road to access the B3016 in Winchfield as outlined in our letter dated 28 July?

We look forward to receiving your clarification.

Kind regards

Parish Clerk

From: Highways DMT Correspondence

Sent: 15 August 2023 14:09

To: Winchfield Parish Clerk

Subject: RE: Ref.7127210 FW: Charrington Farm, Station Road, Winchfield

Dear Parish Clerk

Thank you for your email and enclosed letter to Tim Lawton, sent on behalf of Winchfield Parish Council regarding the operating licence of PPC group and planned use of the Charrington Farm.

The 'Goods Vehicles (licensing of operators) Act 1995' gives a local authority, excluding Parish Councils, a right to object to applications for O licences on grounds which include the following:

- the technical suitability of the access on to the public highway for the goods vehicles for which application is made;
- the capacity of the site to accommodate the vehicles for which application is made;
- adverse environmental impact caused in the vicinity of the site by the use of the site as an operating centre - this can include noise, dust or visual intrusion caused by the use of, or maintenance, loading and unloading of authorised vehicles at or in the vicinity of the operating centre;
- fitness, good repute or financial standing of the applicant.

Objections cannot be made on grounds of inconvenience caused to the public, or the unsuitability of the local highway network for the passage of the type or size of vehicles for which application is made. These matters are determined by the Transport Tribunal.

More information can be found here: [Office of the Traffic Commissioner - A Guide to making representations, objections and complaints \(English\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/office-of-the-traffic-commissioner-a-guide-to-making-representations-objections-and-complaints)

Representations and objections can only be made in response to an active application and it appears the PPC Group was granted a variation on 25 May 2023, as shown here: [Vehicle Operator Licensing - GOV.UK \(vehicle-operator-licensing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/vehicle-operator-licensing)

Based on the information provided, and the criteria outlined under the Act, Hampshire County Council is unable to submit an objection to the licence on behalf of the Parish Council.

With regards to notices being issued to landowners, trees overhanging the running surface of a road should have a minimum clearance of 5.3m to allow road-legal vehicles to pass and repass safely. Upon inspection, four properties fronting Station Road were recently found to have tree boughs/vegetation below this height and are being written to under s154 of The Highways Act (1980) to require them to be cut back. There is a formal process to go through but should the landowners not comply, Hampshire County Council will undertake the work and look to recharge the costs. The clearance required is a general requirement and is not to facilitate a specific business.

Yours sincerely,



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From: Winchfield Clerk
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 6:37 PM
To: Lawton, Tim
Subject: Charrington Farm, Station Road, Winchfield

Dear Mr Tim Lawton

Please find attached a letter from Winchfield Parish Council regarding a new business setting up at Charrington Farm, Station Road, Winchfield and the impact this will have on the local roads.

I would be grateful if you could please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards

Clerk to Winchfield Parish Council