

To: Staffordshire Moorlands, DCM
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
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Applicant: MISS KIRSTY NELSON
FAIR VIEW ROAD
LEEK
ST135BY

Application Type: FULL

Officer: David Plant

Application No: SMD2021/0461

Date: 14-OCT-2021

Date Received: 24-SEP-2021

Road No: C0158

Particulars of Development:

AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION FOR FOREST SCHOOL NURSERY ON LAND AT COOMBES VALLEY RSPB RESERVE.

REPLACEMENT OF BELL TENT WITH WOODEN STRUCTURE

RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A CANVAS CANOPY WITH A WOODEN STRUCTURE. ADDITIONAL 15 CHILDREN FOR 1 DAY PER WEEK

Location of Development:

SIX OAKS FARM APESFORD LANE
BRADNOP

Acceptance

Recommendations: There are no objections on Highway grounds to this proposal.

NOTES TO PLANNING OFFICER

Application site is on an existing nature reserve with existing parking area. Nursery is currently in operation. Application will improve existing facilities and increase numbers of children on one day a week.

Current records show that there were not any Personal Injury Collisions on Apesford Lane within 215m either side of the property accesses for the previous five years.

Application title is to increase numbers by 15 children on one day a week.

Being a nursery, children will be brought to the site anytime from the opening time. It is unlikely that all children will arrive at the same time. An additional 15 children over an hour for example would equate to an average of 1 vehicle every 4 minutes in bound and the same outbound.

Apesford Lane is a rural lane and varies between single track and being wide enough to just about accommodate vehicles passing each other on the carriageway. There are multiple passing places. Use of Apesford Lane is not unsafe or inconvenient for drivers passing.

At the access, visibility to the north extends to the bend. It is restricted to the south by vegetation but forward visibility for drivers on Apesford Lane is good.

It is the existing access to the existing Coombes Valley reserve and the existing nursery. It is in current and regular use.

Current records show that there were not any Personal Injury Collisions on Apesford Lane within 215m either side of the site access for the previous five years.

The access itself and Apesford Lane approaches are safe and reasonable for all. The proposal could not be described as having a severe effect on the highway. The benefits to early and outdoor education are notable. Staffordshire County Council Highways raise no objection to this proposal.

Site visited 13/10/2021

**Assistant Director - Highways and the Built County
on behalf of the County Council
as Highway Authority**