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Hello

The Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Staffordshire shows a public right of way crossing the application site and running along the access. From the information submitted it would appear that the public rights of way are not directly impacted by the proposals.

The following should be brought to the attention of the applicant and noted in the planning consent if granted:

Public right of way Footpath No. 49 Endon and Standley runs across the application site and along the access to the application site.

The granting of planning permission does not constitute authority for any interference with the public right of way and associated items - or its obstruction (temporary or permanent). This is the case both during the building stage or once the development is completed should the permission be granted. The term obstruction, in this context, applies to items such as gates or stiles which are regarded as licenced obstructions which must be sanctioned by the highways authority, and also to any vehicles parking on the right of way, including those associated with construction.

NPPF 104. states that: Planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks including National Trails. Users of the path must be able to exercise their public rights safely and at all times and the path be reinstated if any damage to the surface occurs as a result of the proposed development.

Where private rights exist that allow the use of vehicles along a public right of way, drivers of vehicles must give way to pedestrians. In the absence of private rights, driving a vehicle on a public right of way is a criminal offence.

Staffordshire County Council has not received any application to add to or modify the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way in that vicinity. The possibility of the existence of a currently unrecognised public right of way, makes it advisable that the applicant pursue further enquiries and seek legal advice regarding any visible route affecting the land, or the apparent exercise of a right of way by members of the public.

Regards

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