

Stoke Fruit Farm
77 Havant Road
Hayling Island
Hampshire
Po11 0pt
20/01/2019

Dear Sirs

We wish to apply for a new drop curb and access to the rear of our farm at Stoke Fruit Farm, Havant Road, Hayling Island, Hampshire, Po11 0pt onto Havant Road A3023

The aim of our proposal is to create a safer exit and entrance for our tractors and goods vehicles to our farm. When making your decision please take the following notes on board.

1. It is very hard to turn left out of the existing farm drive with large tractors and trailers. The only way to do this is to cut on to the opposite side of the carriageway.
2. It is very difficult to turn tractors and hgv vehicles in the front farm and farm shop car park. Tractor drivers/ lorry drivers often tend to reverse in off the Havant Road. This causes major traffic delays when the yard is busy lorries have been known to wait on the main road till space is available in the car park to be unloaded
3. Health and Safety laws promote the separation of pedestrian and heavy vehicle movements. This can become increasingly difficult in the small farm shop car park particularly at busy times such as harvest and also when the farm shop is busy.
4. The property at 81 Havant Road (next door) recently gained the support of the appeal officer for a new access onto the A3023
5. We are not looking to directly increase vehicle movements we are looking to separate agricultural and retail operations.
6. The visual splays are much larger than the current splays therefore making it easier and safer to leave our premises particularly in tractors and HGVs.
7. The speed limit on the A3023 has been reduced from 40mph to 30mph.
8. There is no current policy that restricts new accesses onto the A3023.
9. The new drive will allow lorries to be loaded and unloaded at the rear of the farm where they can turn and leave in a forward gear.
10. We anticipate a maximum of 50 vehicles a day to use this entrance.

I hope you come to a favorable outcome when assessing our application and we are able to continue our farming operations in a safe manner at our farm on Hayling Island.

Kind Regards

Sam Wilson