

## Response to Request for Confirmation of Historic Traffic Generation

Further to Welsh Government's holding direction dated 10 December 2024, the applicant provides the following clarification regarding historic traffic generation at the site, together with a comparison to the current operational traffic levels associated with the Bike Park.

### ***Historic Use and Traffic Generation (Pre-2019)***

Prior to the establishment of the Bike Park in 2019, the woodland site historically operated as a sawmill and forestry-related facility. This use generated regular daily vehicular movements associated with:

- Customer visits and timber collection;
- Sawmill operational traffic;
- Vans and lorries accessing the site;
- Forestry-related vehicles using the shared access in conjunction with NRW forestry operations.

This historic use involved regular daily movements by vans and lorries, including larger goods vehicles, and was sustained over a prolonged period. Traffic generation was therefore a normalised and established characteristic of the site prior to 2019.

### ***Current Traffic Generation (Bike Park Use)***

Since 2019, the Bike Park has operated without any historic or ongoing issues relating to traffic generation, access capacity, or highway safety.

Based on surveyed vehicle data undertaken during summer weekend periods (representing the maximum operational scenario), average daily vehicle movements are as follows:

- Cars (e.g. VW Golf, VW Caddy): 33 vehicles per day
- Small vans (e.g. VW Transporter): 35 vehicles per day
- Large vans (e.g. Transit LWB): 11 vehicles per day

Total average daily vehicles (maximum scenario): 79 vehicles per day

It is noted that:

- These figures reflect peak summer weekend conditions;
- Traffic levels are lower on weekdays;
- Traffic significantly reduces during the winter period (October–February) due to reduced rider numbers.

Accordingly, the above figures represent a robust worst-case assessment.

### ***Conclusion***

- The site has a clear historical precedent for daily commercial traffic.
- The Bike Park has been operational since 2019 with no recorded traffic or highway issues.
- Current traffic levels are comparable to, or marginally lower than, historic traffic generation.
- There is therefore no material intensification of traffic arising from the current use when expressed as a percentage change.

The applicant respectfully submits that this satisfies Welsh Government's request for confirmation of historic traffic generation and comparative assessment.