From: [redacted]

Subject: FW: A494 Aston Hill - Plough Lane Westbound on Slip
Date: 08 October 2026 09:48:50
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Please see email trail relating to the DVSA operating on Plough Lane, Aston Hill.

[redacted] – As discussed, you may wish to discuss this location with NWP as they also operate from this site.

Regards

[redacted]

Is-adran Rheoli'r Rhwydwaith - Network Management Division
Trafnidiaeth - Transport
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 September 2026 16:09
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: A494 Aston Hill - Plough Lane Westbound on Slip

Hi [redacted]

Thank you for the response. We understand the important role the DVSA do and are keen to support you in your operation, we just need to ensure that you can operate from this location without being in contravention of the Highways Code.

I will speak to our Road Safety team to see why and when the solid road markings were introduced, and whether the dashed markings could be re-instated so that you can operate from there again. I will report back as soon as I have an update.

Regards

[redacted]

Is-adran Rheoli'r Rhwydwaith - Network Management Division
Trafnidiaeth - Transport
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 September 2026 08:09

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: A494 Aston Hill - Plough Lane Westbound on Slip

Hi [redacted],

Thank you for your email. I have attached the Risk Assessment we have for the site and have asked our staff not to use this location until this is resolved. As previously mentioned, I am unable to locate the agreement between ourselves, NMWTRA and NWP.

When we were first given approval to use this site, the lines were broken but at some point the lines have been made solid - something we were not consulted over. We don't know when this has happened but we have used the site continuously since 2003 and indeed the police continue to use this location.

Our checksite at Ewloe is in a strategic location to intercept traffic travelling to and from Ireland. Without the use of this location, our ability to target vehicles will be severely compromised and this will have a negative impact on the Network being able to hit Secretary of State key targets.

Our role as a road safety organisation is to remove tired drivers and dangerous vehicles from our road network. It has been evidenced that overloaded vehicle damage the roads leading to costly repairs and delays. To do this, we must have suitable locations to wait for target vehicles. I am therefore keen to explore how we can work together to resolve this. Could the solid line be changed back to a broken line? Could we have an area within the hatch for 'authorised vehicles only'? Is there a possibility of creating a new location (observation pod) along the A494? What is the risk if we continue using the location with a solid line? Afterall, there have been no incidents in 20+ years and the police continue to use the location.

Can you please advise how to resolve this amicably and as soon as possible given the impact on the site (which we are already feeling). Unfortunately I am on leave until 21st Sept but I have copied in [redacted], who is covering for me, and [redacted], who is my line manager, should you wish to discuss further over the next couple of weeks. Both [redacted] and [redacted] have excellent working knowledge of the location and the importance of the check site.

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted] | Enforcement Delivery Manager for North West, North Wales, and the Midlands
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]>
Sent: 25 August 2026 16:16
To: [redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: A494 Aston Hill - Plough Lane Westbound on Slip

Good afternoon [redacted]

We have received correspondence concerning DVSA operations at the above location and whether these activities may be in contravention of the solid white line road markings present at the site.

I am not aware of any record of a risk assessment having been undertaken for this location, nor any documented approval permitting its use for this purpose. In light of this, I would ask that DVSA cease operating from the site until either:

- evidence can be provided that permission has previously been granted for its use; or
- a suitable assessment has been completed, similar to that recently undertaken for the A55 Junction 33A location.

Once this has been reviewed, we can consider whether operations can safely and appropriately resume at the site.

Regards

[redacted]

Is-adran Rheoli'r Rhwydwaith - Network Management Division
Trafnidiaeth - Transport
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