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Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – proposed road.

Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995 Schedule 2, parts 6 & 7

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Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

1. Site Details

Number	
Suffix	
Property name	
Address line 1	
Address line 2	
Town/city	
Postcode	

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	289737
Northing (y)	200642

Description

Application for harvesting facilities to allow forest operations to take place in upper Afan valley, Abercregan/Glyncornwg area. Facilities are as follows: 3 stoned tracks sited below and parallel to existing forest road to allow machinery to work safely on steep terrain. Plus 6 short stoned access ramps to allow machinery to access existing forest road network - 3 for the purposes of linking the stoned tracks to the forest road and 3 for the purposes of accessing the forest road from the forest floor.

2. Applicant Details

Title	Mr
First name	alan
Surname	hubbuck
Company name	natural resources wales
Address line 1	coed y cymoedd forest office
Address line 2	resolven
Address line 3	
Town/city	neath

2. Applicant Details

Country	United Kingdom
Postcode	sa114dr
Primary number	03000654732
Secondary number	07831178199
Email address	alan.hubbuck@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Agent Details

No Agent details were submitted for this application

4. Proposed Road

Please indicate whether your proposal involves the following

- ☒ A new road
☐ Alteration of an existing road or highway

Dimensions of the proposed road

Length metres	680.0
Width metres	4.0

Surface materials of the proposed road

Description of the proposal

3 x stoned tracks sited below and running parallel to existing forest road to allow forest machinery to work steep site safely. Lengths of tracks as follows :220m, 240m and 100m width of running surface 4m. 6 x stoned ramps - 3 to allow machinery to access the existing forest road network from the tracks described above and 3 from the forest floor to the road network. Average length of ramp 20m and running surface width 4m. Facilities will be constructed by 360 excavator using locally sourced pennant sandstone (asdug)

Materials and colour

pennant sandstone - natural

5. The Site

What is the area of the proposed agricultural unit? (square metres or hectares)	2798.0
Scale	Hectares
What is the area of the parcel of land where the development is to be located?	1 or more
Hectares	

How long has the land on which the proposed development would be located been in use for agriculture for the purposes of a trade or business?

Years	64
Months	0

Is the proposed development reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain why

the stoned tracks will allow forest machinery to operate safely in steep terrain and allow the forest road network to remain open for timber haulage and safety reasons. If static winching machinery was sited on the forest road the road would be effectively blocked to traffic. The stoned ramps are required for machinery to access the existing road network from the tracks described above and the forest floor.

Is the proposed development designed for the purposes of agriculture? ☒ Yes ☐ No

5. The Site

If yes, please explain why

Tracks will constructed using a 360 excavator, cut and fill formation approx 15m below the existing forest road. Locally sourced pennant sandstone will be layed on top to a depth of 450mm and compacted to required standard using the excavator. Surface water drainage will be provided (side drain on inside of tracks and culverts inserted at regular intervals. Watercourses on site will not be crossed by the new tracks. The 6 stoned ramps will be constructed in the same way using the same material.

Does the proposed development involve any alteration to a dwelling? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the proposed development more than 25 metres from a metalled part of a trunk or classified road? ☒ Yes ☐ No

What is the height of the proposed development? metres

Is the proposed development within 3 kilometres of an aerodrome? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Would the proposed development affect an ancient monument, archaeological site or listed building or would it be within a Site of Special Scientific Interest or a local nature reserve? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

7. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the persons giving them. ☒

Date (cannot be pre-application)