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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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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)	284401
Northing (y)	196938

Description

Application is for a stoned harvesting access track in Michaelston forest in the upper Afan valley, the site is situated between Mynydd Troed yr Rhiw and Cwm Cregan to the west of the community of Abercregan. At the same time NRW who manage the forest wish to resurface an existing HGV turnaround and create an additional stacking bay for processed timber prior to haulage.

2. Applicant Details

Title	Mr
First name	alan
Surname	hubbuck
Company name	Natural Resources Wales
Address line 1	Coed y Cymoedd Office
Address line 2	Resolven
Address line 3	
Town/city	Neath
Country	United Kingdom

2. Applicant Details

Postcode

SA11 4DR

Primary number

03000654732

Secondary number

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Email address

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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

374.0

Width metres

4.0

Surface materials of the proposed road

Description of the proposal

local stone as dug

Materials and colour

natural - pennant sandstone

5. The Site

What is the area of the proposed agricultural unit? (square metres or hectares)

899.0

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

81

Months

0

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

If yes, please explain why

The application for 374m of new stoned track plus the re-stoning and upgrading of an existing HGV turnaround area on the existing forest road plus the creation of an area 50m long x 4m wide to stack processed timber is required so that NRW can fell and extract larch in pure crops and in mixtures with other conifer species. The larch is infected with the plant pathogen Phytophthora Ramouram and is subject of a Statutory Plant Health Notice. The stoned track will be used by forest harvesting machinery.

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

If yes, please explain why

The new track will be of cut and fill construction. The formation will be cut by excavator and locally sourced as dug stone will be laid on top to a depth of

5. The Site

400mm and the surface compacted using the excavator. Surface water drainage provision will be provided and culverts installed at regular intervals according to alignment. Open water consents for stream crossings will be submitted to the local authority. The track follows the contour lines across the slope and will be constructed and supervised by competent forest civil engineers. The existing HGV turnaround will have it's surface scraped off and an a new 150 mmlayer of locally sourced stone laid on top an compacted as above. Further timber stacking area is also proposed by extending the existing area adjacent to the forest road next to the HGV turnaround - simple cut and fill construction as above with 150 -200mm of locally sourced stone laid on top compacted as above, surface water drainage will be provided. NRW will consult with Glamorgan Gwent Arch Trust ref Avan Vale colliery and the local authority regarding PRow 50 also - prior to any work taking place. It is envisaged that the terrain in the area would allow NRW engineers and harvesting machinery to avoid affecting the disused tramway by utilising a flat plateau of land upslope from the tramway for harvesting machinery to use.

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)