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Our Ref: AC

Application - GB/20231116 - SCON3

**Location - Land To The East Of, Brookers Farm, Luddesdown Road,
Luddesdown Gravesend**

**Proposal - Retrospective application for the necessary engineering operational works
to construct a track to service an associated storage area**

Thank you for your consultation in relation to the above planning application, which I note is retrospective. I have the following comments to make with respect to highway matters :-

It is noted from the submitted Planning Statement, that the agricultural track will be used to support the existing farm operations, to enable agricultural vehicles to transport compost throughout the site. The Planning Statement states that, when fully loaded, vehicles can weigh up to 70 tonnes. Further details should be provided to clarify how these vehicles, which would be classified as an abnormal load, will avoid using the local highway network. I would request that, should planning permission be granted, a highway condition survey is undertaken, with a commitment provided to fund the repair of any damage caused by any large vehicles related to the site.

As detailed in my response to the previous application for this site, I would advise that the gates should be set back at least 15 metres from the highway. All gates should open away from the carriageway and provide adequate room for the largest vehicles which will require access to the site, to wait off the highway, whilst the gates are opened or closed.

I look forward to additional information being provided, to assist me in determining this application from a highway perspective.

Yours Faithfully

Director of Highways & Transportation

*This is a statutory technical response on behalf of KCC as Highway Authority. If you wish to make representations in relation to highways matters associated with the planning application under consideration, please make these directly to the Planning Authority.