

MEMORANDUM



From: Network and Infrastructure Manager **To:** Chief Planning Officer

Our Ref: PD/P/2012/0165

Your Ref: P/2012/0165

Date: 02 April 2012

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990.

TOWN AND COUNTRY (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995.

Location: O. S Grid Ref: 2850 3850 Maesgwyn Farm, Holyhead Road, Chirk

Development: Development of biomass plant, recycled wood fibre (RCF) offloading and screening facility and associated infrastructure to support existing production operations.

I refer to your consultation dated 7 March 2012 in respect of the above.

The development site is a large established factory located with access on to the classified highway B5605. The layout and design of the existing access is satisfactory.

Preliminary discussions took place between the Council, Welsh Government and the developer's highway consultant in order to agree the scope of a transport assessment in the vicinity of the site and along the A5 / A483 Trunk roads.

The submitted transport assessment was undertaken in accordance with the agreed scope and included committed development flows associated with the Welsh Dragon site at the A5 /A483 junction.

The assessment concludes that whilst there will be a small increase in vehicle movements delivering to the site, there would also be a reduced number of movements leaving, as less waste is exported from the site. Overall it is anticipated that the development will reduce HGV movements at the site by 1 per day. The enhanced on site railhead is expected to further reduce the HGV movements at the site.

Having considered the transport assessment I can confirm that I concur with its conclusion.

Given that the development is likely to reduce vehicular movement in the vicinity of the site and on the local / trunk road highway network, I advise you that I do not intend to make any recommendations on highway grounds in this instance.

P.P. *Peter Darnley*
Network and Infrastructure Manager