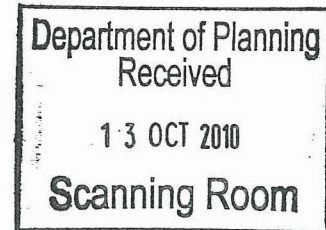


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Attention: Felicity Greenway

WEAKLEYS DRIVE (HW9): ALDI WAREHOUSE PROJECT, BERESFIELD (MP 10_0042)

Dear Ms Greenway,

I refer to your letter dated 16 September 2010 (Your reference: MP 10_0042), received on 20 September 2010, regarding the subject project application forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) for consideration.

RTA Responsibilities and Obligations

The RTA's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues, particularly in relation to the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, the RTA has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. Weakleys Drive (HW9) is a classified (State) Road. RTA concurrence is required for connections to the road with Council consent, under Section 138 of the Act. Canavan Drive will be a local road. Council consent is required for connections to this road under Section 138 of the Act. Council is the roads authority for these roads and all other public roads in the area.

RTA Response and Requirements

The RTA would not object to the proposed development provided the following matters are addressed and included in the Department of Planning's conditions of development consent:

- Prior to construction commencing, safe access to Weakleys Drive must be achieved. The RTA will not permit a temporary access to be created on Weakleys Drive to commence constructions works for the subject development. While it is understood the requirement

to construct access to this site is the responsibility of the proponent of the Freeway North Business Park, the RTA requires that the intersection of Weakleys Drive and Canavan Drive is completed prior to any works commencing on site for this project.

Comment: The intersection of Weakleys Drive and Canavan Drive shall be constructed as a dual lane circulating roundabout. Two lane approach and departures shall be provided on each leg.

Accordingly, a construction certificate for the subject development should not be granted until practical completion for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Weakleys Drive and Canavan Drive has been achieved, to the satisfaction of the RTA.

- All works shall be undertaken at full cost to the applicant and at no cost to the RTA or Council, to RTA requirements.

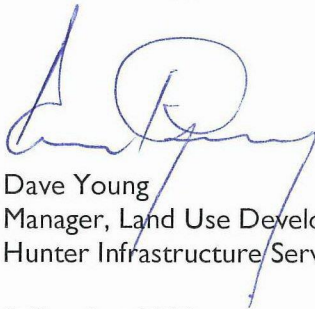
Please note that this is the RTA's response. Further advice will be provided following the meeting of the Hunter Regional Development Committee on 7 October 2010. The Committee will respond when the minutes have been finalised.

Newcastle City Council should also be consulted regarding this project.

On the Department of Planning's determination of this matter, it would be appreciated if a copy of the development consent were forwarded to the RTA for record purposes.

If further advice is required, please contact me on 4924 0240.

Yours sincerely,



Dave Young
Manager, Land Use Development
Hunter Infrastructure Services

8 October 2010

cc David Ryner
Newcastle City Council