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10th September 1996

Mrs M. Roe.  
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Ivy House,  
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East Sussex BN21 4QT

Dear Mrs Roe,

RE: GOODS VEHICLE (LICENSING OF OPERATORS) ACT 1995 - OK188407  
LICENSING OF OPERATORS REGULATIONS 1995. EAST NORTHDOWN FARM, MARGATE

Thank you for your letter of the 30th August.

I wish to make representations concerning the following:-

1. The effect on immediately adjoining properties which are all residential.

The current operation of East Northdown Farm as a licensed operating centre causes a nuisance to my residential property by way of noise and vibration of licensed vehicles passing at all hours, and danger to pedestrians and other road users on the narrow private roadway which has no footways.

2. Restrictions regarding operating times.

The current operation involves night-time entry and exit from the operating centre. The number of licensed vehicles is unknown.

Considerable nuisance is caused to the residential properties due to the operating hours of licensed vehicles currently being unrestricted. If the requested conditions are upheld and the means of access changed, there would be no objection to the operating centre being licensed for the normal working hours.

3. Means of access.

Licensed vehicles currently access and exit the operating centre over a private roadway which is not maintained by the operator and over which the operator has no title or registered rights of way.

Previous to the creation of the new access arrangements, entry was gained to the farm for licensed vehicles, over a private roadway (marked on the previously supplied plan). No planned maintenance arrangements or agreements exist, and for the past ten years I have arranged and/or paid for all repairs and maintenance to the said

private roadway, the majority of which was necessary because of damage to the road caused by the above licensed vehicles. The private roadway in any event is not built to a sufficient standard to withstand heavy commercial traffic.

Now that a new access has been created directly onto a public highway, there is no necessity for access to be gained over the private roadway and I would request that any new licence be conditional on access being directly from George Hill Road, and not over the private roadway.

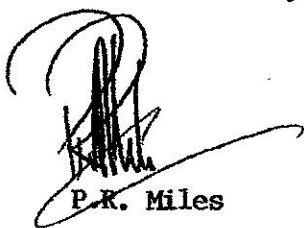
4. Change in the way the operating centre used

Use of licensed vehicles has increased because of development of business following the additional granting of planning permission as a garden centre.

Since granting of the current licence, the operation of East Northdown Farm has materially changed in that the nature of the business has grown to now include a garden centre with greenhouses. The layout of the business has been changed and now includes a new access directly from George Hill Road, a road maintained at public expense.

In view of the above, I request the Traffic Commissioner to review the above licence and make it conditional on all access for licensed vehicles being restricted to the new access from George Hill Road, with no further access along the private roadway leading to the residential properties at East Northdown.

Yours sincerely,



P.R. Miles

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East Northdown House,  
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Dear Mrs Rowe,

RE: O.L. East Northdown Farm 188407

I am informed that the above operators licence is renewable this year, and wish to object the the Licence in its present form.

The Licensee, ~~Mr~~ W.O. Friend, has until recently been operating a small farm and using a private roadway which serves five private dwellings as an access for commercial vehicles.

There is no agreement for the upkeep of the roadway, which has suffered considerable deterioration owing to the use by Mr Friend for his commercial vehicles. Mr Friend has failed to carry out any maintenance on the roadway despite the damage he has caused. I have personally organised and funded many repairs.

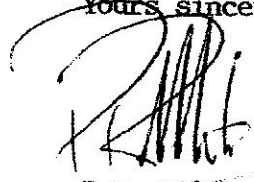
Mr Friend has recently changed his business from a farm to that of farm/smallholding/garden centre with a revised layout and a new access constructed directly onto the public highway.

In view of the new access arrangements now available, I would request that when renewed, Mr Friends licence be conditional on access onto his property being from the public highway only and not over the private roadway.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

I enclose a plan showing the private road and also Mr Friends new access.

Yours sincerely,

  
P.R. Miles.

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