

99 Carnbore Road
Liscolman
Ballymoney
BT53 8QT
20th January 2023

To whom it may concern,

RE: LA01/2022/0323/O - Lands North of 99 Carnbore Road, Liscolman – supporting information

As the parents of John White, the applicant, and Anne and Jonny Graham (our daughter and son-in-law), I would like to provide the following information to support the above mentioned planning application. The below information highlights how the alternative location suggested by the Planning Department is clearly not suitable for a family dwelling.

Land use on the two farms

The farm at No.116 is a very busy working dairy farm. The land is used mainly as grazing for lactating cows, mating heifers with bull and young stock and calves. These animals are out of doors from March to late October and housed during the winter. During the winter months sheep are grazed for hill farmers. The beef and sheep farmer at No. 115 has a right-of-way along the lane and also through the farmyard.

The farmland at No. 99 produces grass which is cut to make silage – usually 3 cuts per year. Some young stock may be grazed for a short time after the last cut of silage. There is also a pullet rearing unit.

A Use of laneway at No. 116

Daily and weekly traffic

1. Farm vehicles go between the two farms several times each day. The cattle at No.116 and the poultry at No. 99 all need attention at various times of each day.
2. Milk is collected by a milk tanker every other day throughout the year. During cold weather the laneway must be gritted to allow the heavy vehicle access.
3. Other frequent vehicles on the lane include feed deliveries, veterinary services, hoof care services, fuel deliveries, fertiliser deliveries, salesmen, maintenance services, etc. As well as these numerous heavy vehicles, slurry is taken frequently by heavy slurry tanker down the lane to land at No.99, No.106 and conacre land along the Carnbore Road.

4. From March to late October cattle are walked along the laneway frequently as they are taken from No. 116 to other grazing areas on the Carnbore Road and back again when grazing is finished. Our neighbour's cattle and sheep are also moved along the laneway to and from his grazing land. Such movements of animals will always include vehicles such as tractors and quads.

Seasonal and occasional traffic

1. Silage is stored at No. 116. Three times during the summer there is very heavy traffic when large trailer loads of grass are taken up the lane. This may last 2-3 days for each cut depending on the weather.
2. When the slurry spreading season opens in February large amounts of slurry, which accumulate during the winter, are taken down the lane by heavy tankers to conacre land at Castlecatt Road.

B The nature of the laneway at No.116

The problem of frequent and heavy traffic on the laneway is made worse by the nature of the lane itself. Although it is kept in a satisfactory state of repair, problems arise because it is narrow and steep and has an awkward bend half way up. It would not be possible for two vehicles to meet and reversing would be difficult.

This lane is already shared by two working farms and would be far from ideal as access to a new private dwelling.

Please consider all of the above along with any further information provided by Lam Architects & Interiors in support of John's planning application.

Kind Regards

Eileen & Robert White