

Dear Sarah

Many thanks for your recent correspondence as below and attached. I am grateful for your awareness and appreciation of the steps we have already taken in response to community concerns. This has included erecting additional signage, avoiding haulage at weekends and around school times and informing drivers about local sensitivities.

The use of the public highway by timber transport is unrestricted at Ennerdale. The agreed routes principal is a voluntary partnership between industry and the local authorities to support good practice and engagement.

I am aware of previous agreements made and share minutes of a small working group set up by the Timber Transport Group (TTG) to look at timber transport accessing/egressing Ennerdale Forest. This group included Cumbria County Council and has taken on board previous comments from local residents. I hope this is helpful to you.

I have spoken with the TTG and their view is that given their assessment of the road condition at Ennerdale, any suggestions of using convoy vehicles or traffic lights is unwarranted.

There is an agreed process for entering voluntary agreements via the TTG and I don't feel it necessary to convene a separate forum to discuss this. However, Forestry England and the TTG would be happy to investigate any specific incidents where the suggestion is that the agreed good practice has been contravened.

I hope this responds appropriately to the Parish Council's concerns.

Many thanks

Kevin