

## Thomas Hardie Commercials Ltd - **Liverpool**

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### Vehicle Movement – Risk Assessment for Newstet Road

Thomas Hardie Commercials Limited (THC) have applied for approval to run a HGV MOT testing facility (ATF) at Newstet Road, which will principally test all of the contract maintenance customer vehicles inspected and prepared by THC at this site, which currently are driven to 3<sup>rd</sup> party ATFs for test.

On that basis, the vast majority of vehicles moving on site will be driven by THC staff, all familiar with the set-up and traffic of the site.  
A minority of tests will be retail customers who will perhaps not be familiar with the site, and therefore represent the more likely 'at risk' attendees to site.

Considerate of these risks, THC undertake Risk Assessments for Vehicle Movements, and sites are regularly audited to ensure risk mitigation measures are in place.  
All Thomas Hardie sites are laid out and facilitated to account for the risks and concerns identified in the attached 'Risk Assessment Vehicle Movements.doc'.

The site at Newstet Road, Knowsley has a one way system to guide vehicles around the access and exit points of the workshop bays, and through the parking area.  
As identified on the 'Swept Path' plan provided by the ATF project architects, the route for vehicle movements on site are in-line with current practice, for which measures are in place, subject to the demolition of 3 service bays to allow for MOT parking, and the addition of the ATF lane.

The planned design and layout allows for access to site in-line with the current one-way system once through the site barrier, and the layout of the additional ATF lane is such to account for a simple movement to park close to the access point for the ATF as tests occur.

The vast majority of unit and trailer combinations flowing through the ATF will be customer vehicles driven by THC staff, with a THC 10.8m twin axle trailer – so a combined gross length of c.13.8m – this is shorter than the previously plotted vehicle length shown on the submitted swept plan, so this identifies a lower risk movement pattern around the site.

As noted on the attached Risk Assessment document, we observe the following principal measures to mitigate risk : site yard markings and signs (all which will be updated /



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repainted as part of the construction process); a site speed limit of 5 mph; reporting process for visitors and explanation of (what will be) the new flow for parking and testing; guided reversing if the site is congested with combined service vehicles and test vehicles; clearly marked pedestrian walkways.



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