

HGV Movements and Traffic Impacts

Hall Hunter Partnership (HHP) operates a fleet of 4 leased HGVs year-round and hires an additional 3 vehicles between June and September to manage seasonal peak demand. This provides a total fleet of up to 7 vehicles, all of which are managed internally, allowing the business full control over haulage schedules and dispatch timings.

There are rarely more than 6–7 lorries on site at any one time, and the yard infrastructure can comfortably accommodate up to 15 HGVs simultaneously, including those in loading bays, waiting areas, and the overflow yard midway down Packhouse Road.

A typical dispatch day begins at 6:00 am with a Lidl delivery using HHP's own fleet. Customer collections by third-party hauliers begin from 7:00 am and continue throughout the day. These time slots remain relatively consistent and are allocated based on order readiness and delivery requirements (same-day or overnight), with consideration given to avoiding local peak traffic periods where possible.

Farm-to-packhouse collections from HHP's other farms are also coordinated internally. Typically, there is one early morning delivery, with the majority of farm collections scheduled for the afternoon and evening to spread vehicle movements evenly across the day.

Access and Parking

The proposed packhouse extension includes one additional loading bay, increasing the total number of loading bays to five. In addition to the five bays, the main yard can accommodate two waiting vehicles, and the overflow yard along Packhouse Road can handle further vehicles if needed, including overnight parking for our fleet when not in use.

This setup provides capacity for up to 15 lorries on-site without causing congestion or blocking access. The scheduling system used by the dispatch team is designed to avoid bottlenecks by allocating staggered delivery slots based on order priority and yard capacity.

Farm Track Ownership and Access

The access road to Heathlands Packhouse (Packhouse Road) is owned and maintained solely by HHP. It is not a shared drive, and there are no third-party access rights over it. As such, there is no risk of shared access being obstructed by packhouse operations or vehicle movements.