



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 25-01) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: 26/00188/REM

Location: Land East Of Kennel Lane, Witherley, Leicestershire

Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 22/01190/OUT for residential development of up to 50 residential dwellings

National Highways Ref: NH/26/15422

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 10th March 2026, referenced above, in the vicinity of the A5 that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that National Highways' formal recommendation is as follows:

- a) **No Objection:** see reasons at Annex A.
- b) ~~**Conditional Approval:** National Highways recommends that planning conditions and/or obligations as set out in Annex A be attached to any planning permission that may be granted.~~
- c) ~~**Deferral:** National Highways is not currently in a position to support this application and requests further assessment, evidence, revisions and/or dialogue as set out in Annex A.~~

d) ~~**Refusal:** recommend that the application be refused for the reasons set out in Annex A.~~

Highways Act 1980 Section 175B is not relevant to this application.¹

This represents National Highways' formal recommendation and is copied to the Department for Transport as per the terms of our Licence.

Should the Local Planning Authority not propose to determine the application in accordance with this recommendation they are required to consult the Secretary of State for Transport, as set out in the [Town and Country Planning \(Development Affecting Trunk Roads\) Direction 2018](#), via transportplanning@dft.gov.uk and may not determine the application until the consultation process is complete.

The Local Planning Authority must also copy any consultation under the 2018 Direction to PlanningM@nationalhighways.co.uk.

This response and all comments outlined herein are made in respect of planning matters only in National Highways' position as a statutory planning consultee, and does not confer any proprietary rights nor amount to the giving or refusal of consent, assent, approval, or awareness of or by National Highways in or of any other aspects or matters (including, but not limited to, the use of property belonging to National Highways). If anyone wishes for National Highways to consider any aspects which do not relate to planning submissions, they should call our contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

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¹ Where relevant, further information will be provided within Annex A.

Annex A **National Highways' assessment of the proposed development**

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

No Objection

National Highways had issued a conditional response to the original planning application (LPA reference: 22/01190/OUT) which sought the submission of a Construction Traffic Management Plan prior to commencement of works.

It is noted from the Planning Statement in support of the current application that the aforementioned condition would be addressed as part of a separate application seeking for the discharge of specific condition(s).

As the current Reserved Matters application relates to the scale, appearance, layout and landscaping elements of the development proposals, National Highways does not have raise any objection to the application and leave these matters for local determination.

If I can be of further assistance with this consultation, kindly get in touch.

Standing advice to the local planning authority

The Climate Change Committee's [2022 Report to Parliament](#) notes that for the UK to achieve net zero carbon status by 2050, action is needed to support a modal shift away from car travel. The NPPF supports this position, with paragraphs 77 and 110 prescribing that significant development should offer a genuine choice of transport modes, while paragraphs 109 and 115 advise that appropriate opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport should be taken up as part of a vision-led approach.

Moreover, the carbon reduction hierarchy (avoid-switch-improve) as set out in clause 4.3 of PAS2080:2023 promotes approaches and measures to minimise resource consumption and thereby reduce carbon emissions.

These considerations should be weighed alongside any relevant Local Plan policies to ensure that planning decisions are in line with the necessary transition to net zero carbon.