

Substantive response of the Local Highway Authority to a planning consultation received under The Development Management Order.



Response provided under the delegated authority of the Director of Environment & Transport.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Planning Application Number: 24/00677

Highway Reference Number: 2024/0677/04/H

Application Address: 65 Ashby Road Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1SG

Application Type: Full

Description of Application: The erection of an outbuilding for a dog grooming business.

GENERAL DETAILS

Planning Case Officer: Joesph Fleetwood HBBC

Applicant: Mrs Lisa Duffy

County Councillor: Cllr Michael Mullaney

Parish: Hinckley & Bosworth

Road Classification: Class B

Substantive Response provided in accordance with article 22(5) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015:

The Local Highway Authority advice is that, in its view, the impacts of the development on highway safety would not be unacceptable, and when considered cumulatively with other developments, the impacts on the road network would not be severe. Based on the information provided, the development therefore does not conflict with paragraph 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023), subject to the conditions and/or planning obligations outlined in this report.

Advice to Local Planning Authority

Background

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC), on a planning application which seeks the:

‘The erection of an outbuilding for a dog grooming business.’

The proposals are at 65 Ashby Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1SG.

The LPA have reviewed the following information listed below:

- Application Form;
- Planning Statement; and
- Block Plan.

Proposals

The proposed development is on the western extent of Ashby Road to the south of the junction of Ashby Road / Barrie Road. The LHA notes the Applicant has two vehicular accesses, one onto Ashby Road, and one onto Barrie Road. Ashby Road is an adopted classified B road, subject to a 30mph speed limit. Barrie Road is an adopted unclassified road, also subject to a 30mph speed limit.

The Applicant's are not proposing any access amendments.

The 'Planning Statement' states:

'I am seeking permission to run my business during the hours of 9am-6pm Monday to Saturday. The salon will be providing a 1-1 service to dogs. The owner will not be staying on site. The owner can park on our drive as there is more than enough space. There will be up to 6 dogs a day so up to 6 cars, parking individually on our drive during the day for up to 10 minutes at a time. This will have no effect on the surrounding roads. Access to the garden will be via the side gate. There is a side gate directly to the grass area where the salon will be.'

The Applicant has indicated within the 'Application Form that there is adequate space for the parking of five vehicles within the site. The property is afforded a large, surfaced area to the front of the dwelling that affronts Ashby Road. However, the LHA notes that Paragraph 3.195 of the Leicestershire Highway Design Guide (LHDG) states that on-site turning should be provided for roads subject to speed limits less than 40 mph on any road carrying 300 vehicles per hour at its peak. This is to ensure that vehicles can access and egress the site in a forward gear. A copy of the LHDG can be found at <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/lhdg>. The LHA holds data on file that the peak traffic vehicle count is well in excess of this number within the vicinity of the development. However, the LHA have taken into consideration that there are a large number of properties within the vicinity of the site with similar access arrangements, as such the LHA finds this acceptable in these site-specific circumstances.

The Applicant indicated that there would be up to six dogs a day at the site and the owners would not be staying on site. Taking this into account the proposals could lead to an additional 24 two-way trips on the highway network. Given this equates to three trips an hour during operating hours, the LHA do not consider they could demonstrate this would lead to a severe impact on the highway in these site-specific circumstances.

Highway Safety

The LHA have assessed their Personal Injury Collision (PIC) data and find there have been three PIC's in total within 250 metres in either direction of the site access within the last five years, these were all recorded as being 'slight' in severity.

The LHA are satisfied that there are no spatial trends / patterns in the data and are therefore satisfied that no new highway safety issues would be introduced into the vicinity of the site contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023).

Taking all the above into consideration, the LHA would not seek to resist the application in these site-specific circumstances.

Date Received
23 July 2024

Case Officer
Neal Chantrill

Reviewer
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Date Issued
07 August 2024