



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 22-12) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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To: Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

CC:

Council's Reference: 23/00573/FUL

Location: Land To The West Of Normandy Way Hinckley Leicestershire

Proposal: Full planning application for 153 dwellings with a vehicular access from the factory access road and existing roundabout on the A47, drainage, landscaping, public open space, ground remodelling and supporting infrastructure and utilities.

National Highways Ref: NH/23/01955

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 13 July 2023 referenced above, in the vicinity of the A5 trunk road that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that National Highways' formal recommendation is that we:

- ~~a) offer no objection (see reasons at Annex A);~~
- ~~b) recommend that conditions should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted (see Annex A – National Highways recommended Planning Conditions & reasons);~~
- c) recommend that planning permission not be granted for a specified period (see reasons at Annex A);
- ~~d) recommend that the application be refused (see reasons at Annex A)~~

Highways Act 1980 Section 175B is/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.

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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.

Development Proposal

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Consultation Response and Reasoning

National Highways acknowledges receipt of the information provided in support of this application. The development does not have a direct interface with the Strategic Road Network, and National Highways concerns relate to the proposed development impact upon the A5, and its ability to operate safely and efficiently.

National Highways is currently reviewing the supplied Transport Assessment and Travel Plan with regards to potential traffic impact upon the Strategic Road Network, and requires further time to evaluate any potential impact.

We have specific concerns that the development proposals will have significant impacts on the safe and efficient operation of the A47 The Longshoot and Dodwells Roundabout junctions with the A5.

In light of the above, National Highways recommends that planning permission not be granted for a period of one month from the date of this notice.

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 73 and 105 prescribing that significant development should offer a genuine choice of transport modes, while paragraphs 104 and 110 advise that appropriate opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport should be taken up.

Moreover, the build clever and build efficiently criteria as set out in clause 6.1.4 of [PAS2080](#) promote the use of low carbon materials and products, innovative design solutions and construction methods to minimise resource consumption.

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.