

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: 25/00239/ADV

Highway Reference Number: 2025/0239/04/H

Application Address: Roundabout At M1 Junction 22 At The Junction Of M1 Slip Roads A50 Little Shaw Lane And Cliffe Lane Markfield Leicestershire

Application Type: Advert

Description of Application: Five non-Illuminated free-standing signs

GENERAL DETAILS

Planning Case Officer: Sophie Iliffe

Applicant: Mr Steve Green

County Councillor: Cllr Peter Bedford

Parish: Markfield

Road Classification: Class A

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 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

Advice to Local Planning Authority

Background

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on this advertising consent application for the installation of five non-illuminated freestanding signs within the roundabout at Little Shaw Lane (A511) / Cliffe Lane / A50 / M1 Junction 22, Markfield.

The submitted application form states that the proposals relate to the established Sponsor a Roundabout scheme. The LHA therefore have no further comments to make on the proposals.

However, the LHA are aware of highway trees located within the application site. The Leicestershire Highways Design Guide gives details on how the Councils natural assets should be protected from development within the highway which can be found at <https://www.leicestershirehighwaydesignguide.uk/highway-layouts-and-design/protecting-natural-assets>. Signs should be carefully sited outside the canopy of existing trees to avoid damage during installation and to avoid the need for regular pruning to maintain visibility/clearance.

Any signs which are proposed to be close to existing trees should be installed using hand-digging methods to ensure that all roots with a diameter of more than 25mm are retained.

The recommendations contained in National Joint Utilities Group's (NJUG) Volume 4: Street Works UK Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees should be adhered to at all times to minimise impact.

In all such cases, please adopt the following specific measures to minimise the effects of the works:

- Refer to NJUG Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees.
- Before starting the work identify the protection zone with marker paint or pegs. This will ensure that the installation team know the precise area where special precautions are required to avoid or minimise damage.
- All excavations using hand tools need to be carried out with great care to avoid damage to as many roots as possible. There must be close supervision during hand-digging operations and the installation team should understand what is required. All tree roots over 25mm in diameter should ideally be worked round and retained. If, however, it is necessary to remove these roots, a request for advice should be sought via forestry@leics.gov.uk.

Informative

All proposed sign installations shall be designed in accordance with Leicestershire County Council's latest design guidance, as Local Highway Authority. For further information please refer to the Leicestershire Highway Design Guide which is available at <https://www.leicestershirehighwaydesignguide.uk>

If you would like more information regarding the scheme, please see <https://www.keeganford.co.uk/sponsorship/leicestershire/>

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18 March 2025

Case Officer
Neal Chantrill

Reviewer
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