



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

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Council's Reference: 23/00704/FUL

Location: Aldi Watling Street Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 3ED

Proposal: Extension to existing Aldi Foodstore (Class E), car park and associated Works

National Highways Ref: NH/23/01995

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 24 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

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

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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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

Access

The increase in traffic using the present access as proposed in the application would require a Road Safety Audit Stage1 to be completed on the access as per the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges GG119.

Traffic Impact

Although the uplift in traffic volume accessing the site is modest, given the developments proximity to the Longshoot and Dodwells junctions, and the capacity sensitivity at these junctions, National Highways considers it necessary that this development's transport impacts are assessed in line with the Longshoot and Dodwells modelling protocols consistent with other developments in the area.

It is proposed a meeting to discuss the requirements of the modelling protocol is held jointly with National Highways, Leicestershire County Council, and Warwickshire County Council at the earliest available opportunity.

Based on the above, we recommend that the application not be determined for a period of three months from the date of this notice. This is to enable the applicant to provide further information with regards to the information/requirements detailed above and the potential impacts on the SRN.

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.