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

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Council's Reference: 25/00971/REM

Location: Land To The South West Of Lutterworth Road, Burbage, Leicestershire

Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, layout, scale and landscaping) of outline planning permission 21/00502/OUT for the construction of 77 residential dwellings

National Highways Ref: NH/25/13334

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 16th October 2025, referenced above, in the vicinity of the M69 Motorway 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, regarding highway authority consent for trunk road access, 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.

Deferral

It is recommended that the application should not be approved for a period of three months from the date of this response. This will allow sufficient time for the applicant to provide further information and for National Highways to review and respond to the information provided.

November 2026 Update

National Highways has received no further information in support of this application. We have requested that the Local Planning Authority provides an update on the progression of this application.

NH received a query from the applicant on 21st January 2025 in response to our previous comments requesting further clarification. Our asset team is currently reviewing this and we will provide a response to this query in due course.

I trust the above comments are helpful. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Standing advice to the local planning authority

The UK Government has committed to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 through amendments to the Climate Change Act 2008. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) supports this objective, with Chapter 5 recognising the need to support the transition to a low carbon future and contribute to achieving net zero by 2050. Policies CC2 and TR3 promote sustainable patterns of movement, reduce reliance on the private car and seek to ensure that significant development is located where it offers a genuine choice of transport modes.

Policies TR3 and TR4 also advise that opportunities to improve walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport should be taken up as part of a vision-led approach to creating sustainable, inclusive and well-connected places.

These considerations should be weighed alongside any relevant Development Plan policies to ensure that planning decisions support sustainable travel patterns and align with the transition to net zero by 2050.