

For the attention of: Kayleigh Taylor, Havant Borough Council

Planning Application: APP/24/00330

Site: Land to the west of B&Q, Purbrook Way, Havant PO9 4AA

Proposal: Erection of retail foodstore with associated car parking, access, landscaping and engineering works.

Our Reference: Tracker No:#23503 (prev. ref: NH/24/06451)

Dear Kayleigh,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 July 2024 re-consulting us on the above proposal.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as 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 National Highways works 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.

We will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN. In the case of this development proposal, our interest is in the A3(M).

We reviewed information available on your planning portal and note that this re-consultation is a result of amendments to the pedestrian / cycle access arrangements for the proposed discount foodstore on land adjacent to Purbrook Way in Havant, Hampshire. We further note that detailed engineering design identified that access link will be crossing over an existing high-pressure gas main and would require extensive fill to achieve necessary site levels. As this solution was found unacceptable to the statutory undertakers, alternative solution has been considered by the applicant. The amended pedestrian/cycle route will consist of a shared link between the store entrance and B&Q roundabout, it will be 3m in width, except for a short section of narrowing to a minimum of 2m where the route passes in the vicinity of crash barrier and third-party land constraints (B&Q Totem signage) and will also result in the loss of 3 car parking spaces.

We are content that amendments will unlikely impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN/A3(M) and our original recommendation dated 31 May 2024 is still valid (please see attached for completeness).

Regards

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