

Dear David,

Thank you for your email dated 30th August 2023 re-consulting us on the above proposal, following the receipt of additional and revised information from the applicant.

National Highways was 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.

In the case of this development proposal, our interests relate to the A27 and A3(M). We would be concerned if there were any potential safety or efficiency impacts to our network.

We were previously consulted on the proposal for the same planning app ref: APP/21/00601 and issued a 'no objection' recommendation on 19th October 2021. This consultation concerns revisions to the scheme as a result of the removal of the proposed industrial employment units. The application is now for the proposed Portsmouth Water offices only, which remains at the originally proposed size.

We have reviewed the revised information submitted, in particular the revised Transport Assessment (TA). This details that, as would be expected due to the changes in the scheme, there is a reduction in trip generation compared to the original TA which we had no objection to. It also shows a corresponding reduction in traffic impact at the A27/Harts Farm Way junction. The methodology of the TA has not changed, so we still consider the expected traffic impact accurate and acceptable.

Based on the above, we are satisfied that there is no significant impact to the safe and efficient operation of the SRN and our no objection recommendation dated 19th October 2021 stays the same. However, due to substantial changes to the proposal and passing of time, please find attached new formal NHPR attached.

Regards

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