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Our Ref: IMA-21-030

Dear Ms Haywood

PLANNING APPLICATION APP/20/01221 - LAND TO THE WEST OF B&Q, PURBROOK WAY, HAVANT, PO9 4AA

Thank you for your letter of notification dated 8th April 2021 indicating that further details have been submitted in relation to the above application.

We note from the website that Hampshire County Council has now provided its written comments by letter dated 8th March which raises a number of issues and requires further information to enable them to determine the acceptability of the application. We also note that the transport consultant has submitted a further addendum to their Transport Assessment (dated March 2021 which references the County Council's consultation response - shown published on your website on 8th April 2021), and a technical note responding to the objections set out in our letter to you of 1st March 2021.

We assume that the County will now need to consider and respond to the TA Addendum, and trust that in doing so they will take into account the concerns raised in our letter of 1st March 2021 when considering the modelling and operation of the access. While Mayer Brown has sought to address these matters in its Technical Note dated 5 March 2021, they have done so by reference to the capacity assessments they have provided that reflect average conditions on average weekday peak hours, and without considering the effects at peak trading times, which they dismiss as being associated with an abnormal/short lived event, and not something raised by the County Council. However we note that this concern was raised by your Council's own traffic team in its consultation response, and has not, as far as we can see, been addressed. Similar issues have also been raised in comments from Havant Climate Alliance and Havant Friends of the Earth.

The points we have made are pragmatic ones based on the existing operation of the B&Q store and known issues with retail accesses and car park operations. They would be addressed by a modest road widening to allow a right turn lane between the roundabout and the entrance to Lidl to accommodate right turning traffic to Lidl to queue clear of traffic moving travelling through to B&Q. Without this, we are concerned that not only will traffic back further onto the roundabout from B&Q at peak times (the point made by your

own traffic team) but that drivers travelling to Lidl will seek to bypass any queue into B&Q in an unsafe manner. Additionally, should traffic be unable to turn right into Lidl due to congestion in that car park, for instance due to the short length between parking bays and the access road, this will block cars travelling into B&Q and potentially lead to queuing back onto the roundabout.

We trust that you will take the above comments into account in considering/determining this application including modelling.

Yours sincerely

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