

For the attention of: Ms L Wells

Site: Land west of Coldharbour Farm Road, Emsworth

Proposal: Construction of 44 dwellings with access, open space, landscaping and associated works.

Application Number: PP/19/01226

Our Reference: 87374

Dear Lesley,

Thank you for your email dated 20th February 2020 regarding the above application.

Highways England 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 Highways England 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 interest is in the A27 and in particular its proximity to the A27 and the exit slip road from the Eastbound Emsworth Services.

We responded to your letter on the 26th February 2020, see attached, stating that we are concerned by the proximity of this proposal to the A27 and in particular its proximity to the exit slip road from the Eastbound Emsworth Services. Due to this we requested a meeting with applicant at their earliest convenience to discuss the proposed scheme, but to date we have not heard from them. Please can you advise the applicant of this request so that we discuss the application and our concerns with them.

Please note that this email does not constitute a formal recommendation from Highways England. We request that your authority refrains from determining this application, (other than refusal) until we have had the requested meeting and received and considered any information requested during that meeting. Once we are able to adequately assess the above and its potential impact on the SRN, and this has been agreed with the developer, we will provide you with our final formal response.

However, if, in the meantime, if your authority wishes to determine the application, please let us know and we will provide you with a formal response based on the information available at that time.

We look forward to hearing from the applicant in due course. Should you have any queries regarding our response please contact me.

Kind Regards,
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