



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 21-09) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: APP/21/00189

Location: Brockhampton West, Harts Farm Way, Havant

Proposal: Outline application for the development of new employment units to provide up to 29,000 sq m (gross internal area) for flexible use across use classes E (light industrial), B2 and B8 with ancillary offices, car parking, service yards, drainage works, landscaping and associated works to prepare the site for development. All matters are reserved except the means of access to the site

National Highways Ref: 90692

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 3rd March 2021 referenced above, in the vicinity of the A27 and A3(M) that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that National Highways' formal recommendation is that we:

- ~~a) offer no objection (see reasons at Annex A);~~
- b) recommend that conditions should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted (see Annex A – National Highways recommended Planning Conditions & reasons);**
- ~~c) recommend that planning permission not be granted for a specified period (see reasons at Annex A);~~
- ~~d) recommend that the application be refused (see reasons at Annex A)~~

Highways Act 1980 Section 175B 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.

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¹ Where relevant, further information will be provided within Annex A.

Annex A

National Highway's 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.

Statement of Reasons

National Highways has reviewed the development proposals and supporting technical documents. We are finalising the provision of appropriate planning conditions in relation to the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network and its assets to be agreed with the Applicant and the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the application (Ref: APP/21/00189) should not be approved for a period of 56 days (until 20/01/22) from the date of this recommendation to enable a suite of conditions to be agreed.

Reason: To allow National Highways to understand the impact of the development on the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network and provide the Local Planning Authority with fully informed advice