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

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Council's Reference: APP/22/00439

Location: The South Downs College, College Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville, PO7 8AA

Proposal: Redevelopment of southern section of site to provide 102 dwellings comprising 56 No. 2, 3 & 4 bed houses and 46 No. 1 & 2 bed flats with associated parking, landscaping, waste and cycle storage. New roundabout access from College Road

National Highways Ref: 95352

Referring to the consultation on the planning application dated 23rd June 2022 referenced above, in the vicinity of the 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 Highways' assessment of the proposed development

National Highways ("we") 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 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.

In the case of this development proposal, our interest is in the A3(M), specifically J4.

We previously provided a Holding Recommendation with comments for this application to give the applicant more time to respond (dated 13th July 2022). Since this time, we have not received evidence to satisfy our requests for information.

Recommendation

National Highways recommends that the Local Planning Authority does not grant planning permission for this application (Ref: APP/22/00439) for a period of 56 days (until 2nd November 2022) from the date of this recommendation to enable further assessment to be undertaken.

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.