



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 25-01) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: APP/23/00488

Location: Land East Of, College Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville.

Proposal: Application for mixed use residential development comprising 628 dwellings, community centre, allotments, public open space including play areas, new junction to College Road, related internal access road, footways and cycleways, pumping station and drainage basins.

National Highways Ref: NH/23/02008

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 24 July 2023 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 propose not 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.

The Local Planning Authority must also copy any consultation under the 2018 Direction to Planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk.

This response and all comments outlined herein are made in respect of planning matters only in National Highways' position as a statutory planning consultee, and does not confer any proprietary rights nor amount to the giving or refusal of consent, assent, approval, or awareness of or by National Highways in or of any other aspects or matters (including, but not limited to, the use of property belonging to National Highways). If anyone wishes for National Highways to consider any aspects which do not relate to planning submissions, they should call our contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

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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 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.

National Highways is concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A3(M).

After reviewing documents available on Havant District Council's planning portal we contacted the applicant's transport consultant to obtain copies of the traffic models used to assess the junctions of Purbrook Way with:

Crookhorn Lane / Stakes Hill Road;

- College Road;
- The A3(M) northbound off-slip and southbound on-slip (A3(M) junction 4); and
- B2150 Hulbert Road (Asda Roundabout)

National Highways is interested in understanding capacity-related queuing at and between junctions on the local road network in the vicinity of A3(M) Junction 4.

We are currently working with the applicant and Hampshire County Council to develop a new Decide and Provide strategy for the site. Once this has been agreed, it will be used to inform an updated Transport Assessment to support the application.

Recommendation

National Highways recommends that the Local Planning Authority does not grant planning permission for the application (Ref: APP/23/00488) until 21 October 2025 to enable us to resolve outstanding issues, and to allow us to provide the Local Planning Authority with fully informed advice. This does not prevent the authority, if they so wish, to either refuse the application or agree an extension of time beyond 21 October 2025.

Standing advice to the local planning authority

The Climate Change Committee's [2022 Report to Parliament](#) notes that for the UK to achieve net zero carbon status by 2050, action is needed to support a modal shift away from car travel. The NPPF supports this position, with paragraphs 77 and 110 prescribing that significant development should offer a genuine choice of transport modes, while paragraphs 109 and 115 advise that appropriate opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport should be taken up as part of a vision-led approach.

Moreover, the carbon reduction hierarchy (avoid-switch-improve) as set out in clause 4.3 of PAS2080:2023 promotes approaches and measures to minimise resource consumption and thereby reduce carbon emissions.

These considerations should be weighed alongside any relevant Local Plan policies to ensure that planning decisions are in line with the necessary transition to net zero carbon.