



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 22-12) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: APP/19/01101

Location: Land East of College Road, Campdown, Purbrook, Waterloooville

Proposal: Hybrid planning application comprising; full planning application for the erection of 130 dwellings with the creation of new access onto College Road, landscape, drainage, car parking and associated works; and outline planning application for up to 650 dwellings, community and nursery facility (use class D1 and D2), retail unit (use class A1), public open space, landscaping, diversion of public right of way and associated works and infrastructure.

National Highways Ref: NH/24/04731 (former ref: 86790)

Referring to the consultation on the planning application 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.

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

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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).

We provided detailed comments for this application in our response dated 10 January 2020, we provided additional comments on the Transport Assessment/ Traffic Modelling in email exchanges with the Applicant’s Transport Consultant (last dated 27th April 2020) and we also issued holding recommendation on 27 August 2021 to give the applicant more time to respond. With no further information received, subsequent holding recommendations were issued on 21st October 2021, 14th December 2021, 7th February 2022, 4th April 2022, 27th May 2022, 20th July 2022, 19 January 2023, 18 July 2023, 16 January 2024 and 15 July 2024. We received 'Decided and Provide' documents on 10 January 2025 and meeting with the applicant and Hampshire County Council (HCC) has been arranged to take place on 23 January 2025.

Recommended Non-Approval

We recommend that the application (Ref: APP/19/01101) should not be approved until 14 April 2025. This does not prevent the authority, if they so wish, to either refuse the application or agree an extension of time beyond 14 April 2025.

Reason: To allow National Highways to review additional information and for the meeting to take place so we can 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.

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 73 and 105 prescribing that significant development should offer a genuine choice of transport modes, while paragraphs 104 and 110 advise that appropriate opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport should be taken up.

Moreover, the build clever and build efficiently criteria as set out in clause 6.1.4 of [PAS2080](#) promote the use of low carbon materials and products, innovative design solutions and construction methods to minimise resource consumption.

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.