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Planning application N6/2013/1769/AD - Premier Inn, Stanborough Road

Response to Planning application from Hertfordshire County Council (T and CP GDP Order 1995)

District ref: N6/2013/1769/AD

HCC ref: WH/306/2013 HCC received: 11/09/2013 Area manager: James Dale Case officer: Lindsey Lucas

Location

Premier Inn, Stanborough Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 6DQ

Application type

Advertisement Consent

Proposal

Installation of 4.5 totem double sided, free standing structure

Decision

Notice is given under article 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 that the Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission subject to the following conditions:

1. The intensity of illumination shall be controlled at a level that is within the limit recommended by the Institution of Lighting Professionals in TR5 Brightness of Illuminated Advertisements (2001)

Reason: So that drivers of vehicles along the adjacent highways are not dazzled or distracted, leading to interference to the free and safe flow of traffic along the highway.

I recommend inclusion of the following advisory note to ensure that the applicant is aware of the implications of the signs being in the highway.

AN1 The applicant is advised that, notwithstanding any consent which may be issued under the provision of the Town and County Planning Acts, a licence issued by the County Council as Highway Authority under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980 is required prior to the erection of the signs on the public highway. The applicant is advised to contact Highways at County Hall, Hertford to obtain the requirements on the procedure to enter into the necessary licence agreement. The applicant should be aware that this permission may or may not be given.

Comments: I refer to this application for the installation of a double sided totem sign and make the following comments on behalf of the highway authority.

I am advised that the extent of public highway includes most of the verge behind the combined cycleway/footway. Therefore it appears the sign is located within the public highway and such a location would require licensing by the highway authority.

Nevertheless I acknowledge that land ownership is not an issue that has a bearing on consideration of the planning application and as there are no technical reasons to object to the sign subject to the levels of lighting being as set out in the above condition, a highway objection on encroachment grounds is not justified.

The applicant would be advised to contact the Highway Boundaries & Land Charges team at Hertfordshire County Council, telephone 01992 556181 http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/work/foi/fac/ehwayenq/for details of the location of the highway boundary.

Lindsey Lucas

Date 30/09/2013

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