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Response to Planning application from Hertfordshire County Council (T and CP GDP Order 2015)

District ref: 6/2018/1179/FULL

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Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi

Case officer: Alan Story

Location

Ocado Ltd
Gypsy Moth Avenue
Hatfield
AL10 9BD

Application type

Full application

Proposal

Installation of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Refuelling Station

Decision

Notice is given under article 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 that the Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

The proposed fuelling station is ancillary to the Ocado Customer Fulfillment Centre on Gypsy Moth Avenue within the Business Park. The proposed facility enables the fuelling of the vehicle fleet employed by Ocado.

The Highway Authority recognise that there shall be a need for deliveries of gas to the site, however, such deliveries within the context of deliveries to / from the site shall be negligible in real terms. The facilities shall serve the existing vehicle fleet and there is no reason to consider that the proposals would give rise to an increase in movements associated with the general operation of the site. Such levels of trip generation were accepted as being in accordance with the Outline Consent for the park, and are accounted for within the permitted Units of Development (UoD) that this site is considered as contributing to the overall Business Park floor area. Trips associated with the site are already featured in daily flows locally

No new or amended access is required to facilitate the development. The CFC takes access from Gypsy Moth Lane via a dedicated right hand turn. Access to the site is by secure gated access and then enabled via internal route network understood to provide one way working. Proposed facilities are situated adjacent to

this route, and shown through Swept Path as fully accessible by vehicles serving the site, and shall not interfere with the existing site operations. Transfer of combustible materials by road is subject to separate legislation and expected that the supplier shall operate in strict accordance with such requirements.

The Highway Authority recognise that Compressed natural gas (CNG) is considered to be one of the cleanest burning transportation fuel available. CNG burns cleaner than petroleum based products due to lower carbon content. CNG produces the fewest emissions of all other fuels and contains significantly less pollutants than gasoline. CNG produces 20-30% fewer greenhouse gas emissions and 95% fewer tailpipe emissions than petroleum products. The Highway Authoritys Local Transport Plan includes challenges to improve areas of poor air quality which can affect house, and in turn improve the health of individuals (Challenge 3.2). The County Council in its' LTP policy towards quality of life and environmental impacts set out that it shall encourage carbon reduction initiatives. The use of cleaner energy vehicles appears supportive of this challenge.

Given that development proposals are not considered shall have any material effect on the operation of the site access, nor result in an appreciable change in vehicle trips to / from the site on behalf of the Highway Authority I present no objection in this matter.

Alan Story

Date 25/05/2018

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