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

**Director of Planning**

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council  
The Campus  
Welwyn Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
AL8 6AW

District ref: 6/2021/3052/ADV  
HCC ref: WH/9958/2021  
HCC received: 26 November 2021  
Area manager: Matthew Armstrong  
Case officer: Paul Marshall

**Location**

LUNA STUDENT ACCOMMODATION 301 ST. ALBANS ROAD HATFIELD AL10 9RH

**Application type**

Advertisement Consent

**Proposal**

Installation of three internally illuminated hanging signs

**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.

HCC as Highway Authority recommends inclusion of the following Advisory Note (AN) to ensure that any works within the highway are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Act 1980.

AN1) Storage of materials: The applicant is advised that the storage of materials associated with the construction of this development should be provided within the site on land which is not public highway, and the use of such areas must not interfere with the public highway. If this is not possible, authorisation should be sought from the Highway Authority before construction works commence. Further information is available via the County Council website at: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/business-and-developer-information/business-licences/business-licences.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

AN2) Obstruction of highway: It is an offence under section 137 of the Highways Act 1980 for any person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way to wilfully obstruct the free passage along a highway or public right of way. If this development is likely to result in the public highway or public right of way network becoming routinely blocked (fully or partly) the applicant must contact the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements before construction works commence. Further information is available via the County Council website at: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/business-and-developer-information/business-licences/business-licences.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

#### COMMENTS

The proposals are for installation of three internally illuminated hanging signs. The site is east of the Comet Way Roundabout and the Galleria to the north east. The internal site road network is not maintained by the highway authority therefore beyond the control of the highway authority. The signs are internally illuminated and are to be placed on student accommodation buildings, and it is unlikely they will dazzle or distract road users on the surrounding highway network

Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority has considered that the proposal would not have an unreasonable impact on the safety and operation of the adjoining highways and consequently have no objections on highway grounds subject to the above recommended planning highway informatives.

**Signed**

Paul Marshall

13 December 2021