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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: 6/2023/0730/FULL  
HCC ref: WH/16392/2023  
HCC received: 12 April 2023  
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi  
Case officer: Paul Marshall

**Location**

Brookmans Park Teleport Great North Road Brookmans Park AL9 6NE

**Application type**

Full Application

**Proposal**

Installation of a platform and service room, with trenched cable linkage between data room and platform and other associated works

**Recommendation**

Notice is given under article 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 that Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

INSERT APPROPRIATE INFORMATIVES

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:

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## COMMENTS

The proposals are for the Installation of a platform and service room, with trenched cable linkage between data room and platform and other associated works. Great North Road (A1000) is maintainable by the highway authority and is a principle 'A' road and provides a main distributor function in the road hierarchy. The vehicle speeds past this site are limited to 50 mph. There has been one recorded (slight) accident at the entrance to the site in a rolling 5-year period.

## Policy Review:

The key documents used to assess the application are

- Manual for Streets 2007
- National Planning Policy Framework (July 2021)
- Hertfordshire County Council's (HCC) Local Transport Plan-4 [2018-2031, May2018]
- Roads in Hertfordshire Design Guide 3rd Edition -2011

## PLANNING HISTORY

The application site has extensive planning history

## DRAWINGS

The Highway Authority note the submission of materials in support of the planning application, including drawing numbers: Design & Access Statement and Planning Statement.

## ANALYSIS

The installation of the equipment is approx. 240 meters into the site via an access road of the Great North Road. This is a large give way access and can easily accommodate construction vehicles and has good vehicular visibility. There are ample parking spaces / areas for construction vehicles. Its unlikely there will be many trips undertaken by cycles or pedestrians due to the nature of the A1000

## CONCLUSION

Subject to the informatives, this level of development is unlikely to generate any extra movements which would ultimately lead to demonstrable harm to the highway network in terms of free flow and capacity, therefore; the highway authority would not wish to restrict the grant of planning permission.

INSERT COMMENTS

**Signed**

Paul Marshall

25 April 2023