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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
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District ref: 6/2023/1099/PN15
HCC ref: WH/16930/2023
HCC received: 26 May 2023
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi
Case officer: Gideon Gasinu

Location

Hatfield Avenue Hatfield Business Park Hatfield AL10 9FY

Application type

Telecommunications Determination

Proposal

Proposed telecommunications installation: Proposed 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole and associated ancillary 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 recommends that permission be refused for the following reasons:

There is insufficient information supplied with this application to enable the Highway Authority to reach a recommendation. In the absence of the necessary information, the Highway Authority recommends refusal due to doubt over possible implications for highway safety and convenience.

Reason for Refusal: No plans submitted to demonstrate the proposed location is outside the limits of visibility.

COMMENTS

The proposals are for Telecommunications Determination: Installation of a 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole and associated ancillary works, on grass verge on at the corner of Hatfield Avenue/Gypsy Moth Avenue Roundabout.

The arms of the roundabout are maintainable by the highway authority and provides a local access function in the road hierarchy. The vehicle speeds past this site are limited to 30 mph but likely lower on approach to the roundabout.

There has been 7 accidents recorded within 150m of the site in a rolling 5-year period, 5 slight and 2 serious.

The Highway Authority note the submission of materials in support of the planning application, including drawing numbers: WEH22203_M001 (site plan and elevation plan).

No plans showing pedestrian intervisibility splays have been shown. Given the location of the pedestrian crossing a condition has been included to provide a visibility drawing showing a pedestrian intervisibility zone from the southern arm (Gypsy Moth Avenue) in line with Figure 3.59 of DMRB CD 116

Conclusion

The Highway Authority is unable to extend the grant of planning permission as the proposals would result in highway safety issues therefore is contrary to Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan 4 (2018).

Signed

Gideon Gasinu

20 June 2023