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

**District ref:** 6/2015/2524/FULL

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**Area manager:** James Dale

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### **Location**

Stanborough School  
Lemsford Lane  
Welwyn Garden City  
AL8 6YR

### **Application type**

Full application

### **Proposal**

Extension of existing netball court and installation of 16no floodlighting columns

### **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 subject to the following conditions:

1 Construction of the development hereby approved shall not commence until a Construction Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority in consultation with the highway authority. Thereafter the construction of the development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved Plan. The Construction Traffic Management Plan shall include details of:

- a. Construction vehicle numbers, type, routing;
- b. Traffic management requirements;
- c. Construction and storage compounds (including areas designated for car parking);
- d. Siting and details of wheel washing facilities;
- f. Cleaning of site entrances, site tracks and the adjacent public highway;
- g. Timing of construction activities to avoid school pick up/drop off times;
- h Provision of sufficient on site parking prior to commencement of construction activities;
- i. Post construction restoration/reinstatement of the working areas and temporary access to the public highway.

### **Reason**

In order to protect highway safety and the amenity of other users of the public highway and rights of way.

I recommend 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) 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 website <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/highways/> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

AN2) It is an offence under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 to deposit mud or other debris on the public highway, and section 149 of the same Act gives the Highway Authority powers to remove such material at the expense of the party responsible. Therefore, best practical means shall be taken at all times to ensure that all vehicles leaving the site during construction of the development are in a condition such as not to emit dust or deposit mud, slurry or other debris on the highway. Further information is available via the website <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/highways/> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

Comments:

The proposals represent the extension to sports courts associated with Stanborough School (Secondary School), and result in 9 fullsize netball courts becoming available, with associated flood lighting for winter / evening use. The proposals, associated with the secondary school, would be additional facilities, and unlikely themselves to generate significant additional traffic to the site. Whilst it is accepted that the additional courts (and those existing) shall potentially be available for public use in the evenings and weekends, the existing arrangement is not known to cause any problems in this regard and any additional courts unlikely to represent an unacceptable impact. The courts, being part of the school complex, are not served by an independent vehicle access and instead are served through the main school access from Lemsford Lane.

I do have concerns about the amount of cut/fill material that may be generated and have included condition one above to cover this point. Therefore, details, by condition, are sought in terms of construction – particularly in terms of access to the site, and to ensure that deliveries and construction vehicle movements shall not be timed in a manner that may be prejudicial to the safety of other road users, particularly vulnerable younger road users (school age children). Consideration should be given within this of the routes within the school site to ensure construction traffic is separated from / managed such that it shall not conflict with pedestrians within the school grounds. All HGV vehicles should be directed to/from the site via A6129 Stanborough Lane and then to A1M / A414. All HGV movements shall be arranged outside of school pick up/drop off times.

Details on luminaires proposed identify that floodlighting shall be subject to little risk of significant light loss beyond the immediate area, the site is reasonably screened by trees and at a distance from Stanborough Road, and certainly sufficient to reduce the likelihood that vehicles driving on Stanborough Road shall be distracted or dazzled by unshielded sources of illumination.

**Alan Story**

**Date 17/02/2016**

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