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Subject: Planning application 6/2018/2768/OUTLINE Hatfield Business Park
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For the attention of: Gerry Ansell

Site: Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield, AL10 9SL

Development: Outline application for a large-scale mixed use development including 1,100 new homes and supporting infrastructure including a primary school, local centre and open space with all matters reserved.

Your Reference No: 6/2018/2768/OUTLINE

Highways England's Ref No: 83071

Dear Gerry Ansell,

Thank you for the letter on 21st November 2018 for the above planning application consultation for the development at Hatfield Business Park. Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

Highways England will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN. In this case, principally the A1(M) in particular Junctions 3 and 4.

We have read through the documents provided and it is made clear in Section 6 of the Transport Assessment that further analysis is to be undertaken by the applicant once HCC has completed work on the updated analysis of the WHasH model. It is stated in the Transport Assessment that once the work is completed, a Transport Assessment Addendum will be prepared to address the modelling of the wider area. Currently, the Transport Assessment shows that the development could have an impact on the SRN and therefore, this further modelling analysis work should provide a full understanding of the potential traffic impacts on the SRN and will enable us to make an assessment as to whether the proposals materially affect the safety, reliability and/or operation of the SRN. Highways

England should be included in any future discussions with HCC.

Without a full understanding of the potential traffic impacts of the development, there is insufficient information for us to be satisfied that the proposals will not materially affect the safety, reliability and/or operation of the SRN (the tests set out in DfT C2/13 para 10 and DCLG NPPF para 32).

I trust that the above is of assistance and would be grateful if you could pass the above comments to the applicant and their consultants for further consideration and reply. This email does not constitute a formal recommendation from Highways England.

Accordingly, we formally request that your authority refrains from determining this application, (other than refusal) until such time as we have received and considered all the requested information. Once we are able to adequately assess the above and its potential impact on the SRN, and this has been agreed with the developer, we will provide you with our final formal response.

If, in the meantime, your authority wishes to determine the application, please let us know and we will provide you with a formal response based on the information available at that time.

We look forward to receiving the additional information in due course. Should you have any queries regarding our response please contact us at planningse@highwaysengland.co.uk.

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