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Subject: Highways England Updated Response - Hatfield Business Park, Frobisher Way, Hatfield, AL10 9SL - 6/2018/2768/OUTLINE
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For the Attention of: Clare Howe

Site: Hatfield Business Park, Frobisher Way, 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: 6/2018/2768/OUTLINE

Highways England's Ref No: #83071 / #12139

Dear Clare Howe,

Thank you for your email dated 17 December 2020 on the above planning application re-consultation and indicating a response was required by 18 January 2021.

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.

In the case of this proposed development, Highways England is interested in the potential impact that the development might have on the SRN, in particular on the A1(M). We are interested as to whether there would be any adverse safety implications or material increase in queues and delays on the SRN as a result of development. In this case, principally on the A1(M) in particular at Junctions 3 and 4.

In our response of 12 December 2018, we noted that Section 6 of the Transport Assessment (TA) stated that further analysis was to be undertaken by the applicant once HCC has completed work on the updated analysis of the WHasH model. It is stated in the TA that once the work is completed, a TA Addendum would be prepared to address the modelling of the wider area. We commented that the TA showed 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. We requested that Highways England should be included in any future discussions with HCC.

After reviewing the additional information submitted for this re-consultation, we note that no information in relation to our response has been provided. Therefore, our response of 12 December 2018 is unchanged.

Highways England requests further modelling analysis work at A1(M) Junctions 3 and 4 to provide a full understanding of the potential traffic impacts on the SRN to enable us to make an assessment as to whether the proposals will materially affect the safety, reliability and/or operation of the SRN

Based on the above, and that our response of 12 December 2018 has not been addressed, we still do not have a full understanding of the potential 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 MHCLG NPPF para 109).

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.

Kind Regards,

Matthew Bolton (Sent of behalf of Heather Archer Area 5 Assistant Spatial Planner)

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