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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: 6/2022/2797/FULL  
HCC ref: WH/15160/2022  
HCC received: 23 December 2022  
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi  
Case officer: Sarah Forty

**Location**

Ymca 90 Peartree Lane, Welwyn Garden City AL7 3UL

**Application type**

Full Application

**Proposal**

Erection of electricity substation

**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.

HCC as Highway Authority recommends inclusion of the following Advisory Note (AN) / highway informative 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: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/business-and-developer-information/business-licences/business-licences.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

AN3) Debris and deposits on the highway: It is an offence under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 to deposit compost, dung or other material for dressing land, or any rubbish on a made up carriageway, or any or other debris on a highway to the interruption of any highway user. 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 and use thereafter are in a condition such as not to emit dust or deposit mud, slurry or other debris on the highway. Further information is available by telephoning 0300 1234047.

## **Comments/Analysis**

### **Description of Proposal**

Erection of electricity substation

### **Site and Surroundings**

Peartree Lane is an unclassified local access route subject to a 30mph speed limit which is highway maintainable at public expense. Although, the section of Peartree Lane where the site of the substation is accessed from is a private route which is not highway maintainable at public expense. The proposed electricity substation itself is located within the site of the YMCA.

### **Access and Parking**

The proposed electricity substation is located within the existing carpark at the site on private land. The access into the carpark and into the site from the highway is not to be altered with the construction of the substation and the proposed location does not impede upon visibility from any vehicular accesses.

Ultimately the LPA will have to be satisfied with the parking provision, but HCC would like to comment that the proposed substation is located within the carpark of the site and drawing number 047-WPA-ZZ-00-DR-A-7008 indicates that the substation will result in a loss of two parking spaces at the site. It is noted that there are other parking areas within the site, but that there are double yellow lines on the surrounding carriageways meaning on street parking is not available surrounding the site.

## **Conclusion**

HCC as Highway Authority has considered the application and are satisfied that the proposal would not have an unreasonable impact on the safety and operation of the adjoining highway and therefore, has no objections on highway grounds to this application.

## **Signed**

Sarah Forty

5 January 2023