



Developments Affecting Trunk Roads and Special Roads

Highways England Planning Response (HEPR 20-01)

Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: 6/2019/3024/MAJ

Location: 29 Broadwater Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 3BQ

Proposal: Demolition of office building and erection of 128 flats with associated car parking, landscaping, amenity space, bin and cycle storage, with alterations to existing and formation of new access on Broadwater Road and alterations to the existing access on Broad Court.

Highways England Ref: #86873

Referring to the notification of a planning application dated 24 December 2019 referenced above, in the vicinity of the A1(M) that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that Highways England's formal recommendation is that we:

a) ~~offer no objection*~~;

~~**This is on the basis that the proposals will generate minimal additional traffic on the SRN in Peak Hours. We therefore consider that the development 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), in this location.*~~

b) recommend that conditions should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted (see Annex A – Highways England recommended Planning Conditions);

~~e) recommend that planning permission not be granted for a specified period (see Annex A – further assessment required);~~

~~d) recommend that the application be refused (see Annex A – Reasons for recommending Refusal).~~

Highways Act Section 175B is not relevant to this application.¹

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND (“we”) have 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 we work 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.

This represents Highways England’s formal recommendation and is copied to the Department for Transport as per the terms of our Licence.

Should the Local Planning Authority disagree with this recommendation they must consult the Secretary of State for Transport, as per the Town and Country Planning (Development Affecting Trunk Roads) Direction 2018, via transportplanning@dft.gsi.gov.uk

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¹ Where relevant, further information will be provided within Annex A.

Annex A Highways England recommended Planning Conditions

Condition 1

No development shall take place until a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and Highways England. If the detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan demonstrates that there is the potential for a severe impact on the SRN, further assessments may be required

Reason:

To ensure the construction impact of the development does not materially affect the safety, reliability and/or operation of the SRN (the tests set out in DfT C2/13 para's 9 & 10 and MHCLG NPPF para 109). To ensure that the A1(M) continues to be an effective part of the national system of routes for through traffic in accordance with section 10 of the Highways Act 1980 and to satisfy the reasonable requirements of road safety