



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 21-09) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: PL/2022/03103

Location: Land to the East of Wagtails, Southampton Road, Alderbury, SP5 3AF

Proposal: outline application for up to 32 dwellings with all matters reserved (except access)

National Highways Reference: 94930

Referring to the consultation on a planning application referenced above, in the vicinity of the A36 that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that National Highways' formal recommendation is that we:

- a) offer no objection;
- ~~b) recommend that conditions should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted (see Annex A — Highways England recommended Planning Conditions);~~
- ~~c) 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

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

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

Should the Local Planning Authority not propose to determine the application in accordance with this recommendation they are required to consult the Secretary of State for Transport, as set out in the [Town and Country Planning \(Development Affecting Trunk Roads\) Direction 2018](#), via transportplanning@dft.gov.uk and may not determine the application until the consultation process is complete.

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Annex A **National Highway's assessment of the proposed development**

National Highways 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 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.

We have undertaken a review of the relevant documents supporting the planning application to ensure compliance with the current policies of the Secretary of State as set out in DfT Circular 02/2013 "*The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development*" and the MHCLG National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

This response represents our formal recommendations with regards to planning application reference PL/2022/03103 and has been prepared by the assistant planning manager for the A36 in Wiltshire.

Reasons

The application is seeking consent for 32 dwellings with all matters reserved except access. The site is located within Alderbury and access will be provided via Southampton Road, which in this location forms part of the local highway network for which Wiltshire Council is the relevant highway authority. Southampton Road provides onwards connections to the A36 via an at-grade junction to the north (which doesn't provide for all movements), and an all movements grade-separated junction to the south. The application is supported by a transport statement prepared by PFA Consulting.

National Highways recognises the potential cumulative impact of trips associated with growth in Alderbury, particularly on the A36 into Salisbury which experiences congestion during the network peak hours. However, we consider that the application proposals are unlikely to result in a level of trips at either A36 junction that would be considered severe or unacceptable in capacity or safety terms, such that would sustain National Highways in an objection to the proposals, in accordance with the NPPF and DfT Circular 02/2013.

We would however advise the planning authority to secure appropriate travel planning measures to improve the development's sustainability in transport terms.

Recommendation

National Highways has no objection to the proposed development but offers advice.