



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 25-01) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: PL/2026/02555

Location: Pavement o/s Ramparts, Devizes Road, Salisbury, SP2 7EE

Proposal: the installation of 1 no. BT Street Hub

National Highways Ref: NH/26/16366

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

- a) offer no objection with advice (see reasons at Annex A);**
- ~~b) recommend that conditions should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted (see Annex A – National Highways recommended Planning Conditions & reasons);~~
- ~~c) recommend that planning permission not be granted for a specified period (see reasons at Annex A);~~
- ~~d) recommend that the application be refused (see reasons at Annex A)~~

Highways Act 1980 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 propose not 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.

The Local Planning Authority must also copy any consultation under the 2018 Direction to Planningsw@nationalhighways.co.uk.

This response and all comments outlined herein are made in respect of planning matters only in National Highways' position as a statutory planning consultee, and does not confer any proprietary rights nor amount to the giving or refusal of consent, assent, approval, or awareness of or by National Highways in or of any other aspects or matters (including, but not limited to, the use of property belonging to National Highways). If anyone wishes for National Highways to consider any aspects which do not relate to planning submissions, they should call our contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

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Annex A **National Highways' assessment of the proposed development**

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a 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 01/2022 "The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development" and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This response represents our formal recommendations with regards to planning application reference PL/2026/02555.

Reasons

The application is seeking permission for the installation of a BT Street Hub, located within the pavement at the junction of the A36 Wilton Road and Devizes Road. A separate application for advertisement consent has also been submitted under application reference PL/2026/02790 in respect of the Street Hub digital advertisement panels.

National Highways primary interest in the development is the potential impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, which in this case comprises the A36 Wilton Road and the St Pauls roundabout junction.

Having reviewed the site plans, we are satisfied that the Street Hub will be located wholly outside the A36 strategic highway boundary. We therefore have no objections to the siting of the proposed Street Hub, but you should seek the views of Wiltshire Council's local highway team if you have not already done so.

However, we do have concerns with regards the proposed maximum luminance level of the advertisement panels incorporated into the sides of the Street Hub which at 600 cd/m² is greater than the 300 cd/m² recommended by the Institute of Lighting Professions for signs in proximity to the trunk road during the period from dusk until dawn. We consider this to have the potential to create distraction and glare, adversely impacting the safety of trunk road traffic which is a particular concern in proximity to a junction. We will be responding separately to the advertisement consent application.

Recommendation

National Highways has no objection to the proposed Street Hub but offers advice in respect of the proposed digital display which is subject to a separate application.

Standing advice to the local planning authority

The Climate Change Committee's [2022 Report to Parliament](#) notes that for the UK to achieve net zero carbon status by 2050, action is needed to support a modal shift away from car travel. The NPPF supports this position, with paragraphs 77 and 110 prescribing that significant development should offer a genuine choice of transport modes, while paragraphs 109 and 115 advise that appropriate opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport should be taken up as part of a vision-led approach.

Moreover, the carbon reduction hierarchy (avoid-switch-improve) as set out in clause 4.3 of PAS2080:2023 promotes approaches and measures to minimise resource consumption and thereby reduce carbon emissions.

These considerations should be weighed alongside any relevant Local Plan policies to ensure that planning decisions are in line with the necessary transition to net zero carbon.