



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 22-12) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: P22/01300/O

Location: Land at Sodbury Road, Wickwar, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8PG

Proposal: Erection of up to 180 dwellings, a local shop and associated infrastructure (Outline) with access to be determined

National Highways Ref: 94442

Referring to the consultation on a planning application referenced above, in the vicinity of the M5 J14 that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that National Highways' formal recommendation is that we:

- ~~a) offer no objection (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

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

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

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.

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

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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.

Statement of Reasons

Background

The application seeks outline permission for the erection of up to 180 dwellings, a local shop (500sqm) and associated infrastructure (Outline) with access to be determined; all other matters reserved on Land at Sodbury Road, Wickwar, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8PG.

National Highways is responsible for operating, maintaining, and improving the Strategic Road Network (SRN), which in relation to this application, comprises the M5 J14. The proposed site is located approximately 6.3km from M5 J14. National Highways is aware that significant queuing occurs in this location that has been recorded extending back onto the M5 mainline at the M5 J14 northbound off-slip during the weekday AM Peak periods.

National Highways issued a National Highways Planning Response (NHPR) dated April 2022 recommending that planning permission not be granted for a period of six months from the date of that recommendation. This was to provide time for the applicant to provide further information to enable National Highways to understand the impact of the development on the safe and efficient operation of the M5 J14, and thereby provide the Local Planning Authority with an evidence-based response. It should be noted that without an adopted Local Plan speculative development is likely to further degrade the safe and efficient operation M5 J14 and the local road network in this location.

Further to this, National Highways was provided with additional information that quantified the traffic impact at M5 J14. National Highways issued a NHPR dated September 2022 which identified that noting the location of the proposed development site and the limited number of trips that are expected to travel through the junction, National Highways would be unable to sustain an objection to the proposal.

Updated Response

National Highways has been reconsulted on P22/01300/O whereby the applicant has included an updated submission pack to the Local Planning Authority. The revised documents and updated plans do not impact on the operation of M5 J14. National Highways therefore continue to advise that we would be unable to sustain an objection to the proposal.

National Highways requires that a Construction Traffic Management Plan is provided prior to construction and secured through a planning condition. It should identify the various vehicle movements (staff and deliveries) and information on the distribution

and assignment of construction trips onto the strategic network (daily and weekday peak hours).

Recommendation

National Highways has no objection in principle to planning application P22/01300/O subject to planning conditions being attached to any consent the Local Planning Authority is minded to grant to the effect that:

1. Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted a construction traffic management plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority (in consultation with National Highways). The plan shall include as a minimum: construction vehicle movements; construction operation hours; construction delivery hours; expected number of construction vehicles per day; car parking for contractors' vehicles; arrangements for off-loading and storage of construction plant and materials. Works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plan.

Reason: in the interest of the safe and efficient operation of the M5.