



## National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 24-02) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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**Council's Reference:** 240823

**Location:** Land adjacent Wildwood, Harewood End, Hereford, HR2 8JT

**Proposal:** Proposed erection of two dwellings with garaging, construction of new vehicular access and associated works

**National Highways Ref:** NH/24/06278

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 referenced above, in the vicinity of the A49 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 relevant to this application.<sup>1</sup>

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](mailto: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 [PlanningM@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:PlanningM@nationalhighways.co.uk).

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<sup>1</sup> Where relevant, further information will be provided within Annex A.

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

This response represents our formal recommendations and has been prepared by Ellie Smith, Assistant Spatial Planner for National Highways.

National Highways (formally Highways England) 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.

National Highways considers planning applications for new developments under the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and DfT Circular 01/2022: The Strategic Road Network and The Delivery of Sustainable Development ("the Circular"). The latter document sets out our policy on sustainable development and our approach to proposals which may have an impact on our network.

The SRN in the vicinity of the proposed development is the A49 trunk road.

### **Development Proposal**

The application is for the erection of two dwellings and the new vehicular access. National Highways was consulted on 202794/O and note that the access is the same as previously submitted. However, the location of drainage soakaways are different from the original drawing.

### **RSA 1**

The RSA 1 that accompanied 240398/F and has also been submitted in support of this application is not complete, as it does not have the overseeing organisation comments and the agreed actions therefore it cannot be considered closed out in compliance with GG119. Please provide a copy of the completed report or a version of the document in order for National Highways to add overseeing organisation comments and add agreed actions.

### **Recommendation**

**In light of the above, National Highways recommends that planning permission not be granted for a period of three months from the date of this notice, to allow the applicant time to submit additional supporting information.**

### **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 74 and 109 prescribing that significant development should offer a genuine choice of transport

modes, while paragraphs 108 and 114 advise that appropriate opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport should be taken up.

Moreover, the build clever and build efficiently criteria as set out in clause 6.1.4 of [PAS2080](#) promote the use of low carbon materials and products, innovative design solutions and construction methods to minimise resource consumption.

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.