



## Developments Affecting Trunk Roads and Special Roads

### Highways England Planning Response (HEPR 16-01)

#### Formal Recommendation to 21/01630/OUT

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**Council's Reference:** 21/01630/OUT

**Our Reference:** #91757

**Location:** Land at North West Bicester, Home Farm, Lower Farm and SGR2, Caversfield

**Proposal:** Outline planning application for residential development (within Use Class C3), open space provision, access, drainage and all associated works and operations including but not limited to demolition, earthworks, and engineering operations, with the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for later determination

Referring to the notification of an Outline Planning Application for the above proposal at Land at North West Bicester notice is hereby given that Highways England's 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.<sup>1</sup>

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Should you disagree with this recommendation you should consult the Secretary of State for Transport, as per the Town and Country Planning (Development Affecting Trunk Roads) Direction 2018, via [transportplanning@dft.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@dft.gov.uk).

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

## Annex A      **Highways England recommended further assessment required**

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND (“we”) 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.

### **Statement of Reasons**

#### **M40 Junction 9 Impact Assessment**

The impact of the development is not shown south at Junction 9 of the M40, development flows can be seen to travel south on the B4100, A4095 and subsequently Vendee Drive towards this junction but no further distribution is provided in the diagrams nor mentioned in the text. The highest flow shown being +83 southbound in the AM peak on Vendee Drive. We are content with the trip generation and distribution methodology, however more information is required to show the traffic impact and distribution at Junction 9 of the M40.

#### **Recommendation**

Highways England recommends that Local Planning Authority does not grant planning permission for the application for a period of 56 days (Ref: P21/10042/FUL) from the date of this recommendation to enable further assessment to be undertaken.

#### **Reason**

To allow Highways England to understand the impact of the development on the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network and provide the Local Planning Authority with fully informed advice.