



Developments Affecting Trunk Roads and Special Roads

Highways England Planning Response (HEPR 16-01)

Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: WSCC/052/20

Location: Land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0DF

Proposal: The construction of a 1.3km single carriageway with a 3m wide shared cycleway/footway, 2.5m wide central island, one uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with a central island to enable users of the PRoW to cross the carriageway, three roundabouts, provision of hard and soft landscaping, road markings, traffic signals, bus stops, and signalised pedestrian crossings, construction of a substation building; installation of a noise barrier, and associated works.

Highways England Reference: 90259 #12356

Referring to the planning application referenced above received by Highways England on 14th January 2021, in the vicinity of the A27/A29 Fontwell Avenue Roundabout, West Sussex that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, 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 (covering new access to the SRN) is NOT relevant to this application.¹

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND (“we”) have 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.

This represents Highways England’s formal recommendation (prepared by the Area 4 Spatial Planning Team) and is made available to the Department for Transport as per the terms of our Licence.

Should the Local Planning Authority disagree with any recommendation made under b), c) or d) above, the application must not be determined before they have:

- i) informed Highways England; and
- ii) consulted the Secretary of State for Transport, as per the Town and Country Planning (Development Affecting Trunk Roads) Direction 2018, via transportplanning@dft.gov.uk.

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1 Where relevant, further information will be provided within Annex