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Subject: Highways England Response (HE ref. 90259 #13231) re. WSCC/052/20 - Land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham
Date: 04 June 2021 19:03:08
Attachments: [290121 HEPR WSCC_052_20 A29 Bypass Phase 1.pdf](#)

For attention of:	Mr James Neave
Site:	Land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0DF
Proposal:	Construction of a single carriageway with shared cycleway / footway, roundabouts, road markings, traffic signals, bus stops, provision of hard and soft landscaping, construction of a substation building, installation of a noise barrier, and other associated works.
Your Reference:	WSCC/052/20
Highways England's Reference:	90259 #13231

Dear James,

Thank you for your notification of 6 May 2021 notifying us of further information and amendments to the above application seeking a response by 6 June 2021.

We have reviewed the further information and amendments (in particular the Transport Assessment and Environmental Statement Transport and Access Chapter).

Highways England's position in relation to this particular application is still as per our email below / attached HEPR from 29 January 2021 – i.e. we do not have any objection to Phase 1 of the A29 Bypass proceeding as we are satisfied that the proposal will not materially affect the safety, reliability and / or operation of the SRN (the tests set out in DfT Circular 02/2013, particularly paragraphs 9 & 10, and MHCLG NPPF particularly paragraph 109), and our formal HEPR response form is attached accordingly.

If you have any queries regarding our response, please contact us at PlanningSE@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Regards,

Sent on behalf of Kevin Bown, Spatial Planning Manager Area 4

Richard Franklin

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Thank you.**

From: Bowie, David

Sent: 29 January 2021 17:12

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Subject: #12356 Planning Application WSCC/052/20 at Land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0DF

For attention of:	Mr James Neave
Site:	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.
Your Reference:	WSCC/052/20
Highways England's Reference:	90259 #12356

Dear James,

Thank you for your notification of 14th January 2021 regarding the above application, seeking a response by 28th January 2021. For future reference please note that Highways England have a response period to consultations of 21 days and whilst we will endeavour to respond ahead of this target it may not always be possible due to heavy demands upon our time. In this instance we are responding ahead of our dead line but have not been able to respond in the time frame required by yourselves. Accordingly, we will expect the Council to consider any comments we may make on this application and seek your confirmation that this is the case in this instance.

Highways England 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 Highways England works 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. Highways England will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), in this case the A27/A29 Fontwell Avenue junction.

The principle of the A29 Bypass (both phases) was previously considered by Highways England during the work undertaken to develop the Transport Strategy for the current adopted Arun Local Plan. As such we have no objection in principle with the council proceeding with Phase 1 of the Bypass proposals. In reviewing the WSP supporting TA we noticed that the accident analysis only considers 60 months of Stats 19 data to the end of 2017. As the TA is dated August 2020 we are surprised that the accident data has not included accidents recorded in 2018, 2019! The accident data for these years is fully validated and it is best practice to consider the latest 60 months of accident data. With an additional two years of data it is quite possible that the long term accident trend may have changed.

We also note that the outputs from the modelling work show different queue lengths and DoS at the A27/A29 Fontwell Avenue than those previously identified through the Arun Transport Assessment. We understand that this is because the current model used is more refined and current than that of the Arun modelling work. However, we have not been given the opportunity to review the wider strategic model and have been unable to undertake a detailed review of the supplied modelling in the timeframe given for response. We do note though that the results broadly reflect the traffic scenario's previously understood and in that respect we are not concerned at this point but reserve the right to review the modelling prior to Phase 2 of the Bypass coming forward. Accordingly, it should not be assumed that Highways England are in agreement with the modelling at this time. This however, does not prohibit Phase 1 of the Bypass proceeding as its individual impacts on the operation of the SRN are not considered severe.

Therefore, Highways England's position in relation to this particular application is that we do not have any objection to Phase 1 of the A29 Bypass proceeding as we are satisfied that the proposal will not materially affect the safety, reliability and / or operation of the SRN (the tests set out in DfT Circular 02/2013, particularly paragraphs 9 & 10, and MHCLG NPPF particularly paragraph 109), and our formal HEPR response form is attached accordingly.

Should you have any queries regarding our response, please do not hesitate to contact us and please forward our comments to the applicant who can contact Highways England at PlanningSE@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Kind regards,

David

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Developments Affecting Trunk Roads and Special Roads

Highways England Planning Response (HEPR 16-01)

Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

From: Nicola Bell (Regional Director, South East)
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To: West Sussex County Council (FAO Case Officer: Mr James Neave)
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CC: growthandplanning@highwaysengland.co.uk

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

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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.

Signature: 	Date: 29 January 2021
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1 Where relevant, further information will be provided within Annex