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Response to Planning application from Hertfordshire County Council (T and CP GDP Order 2015)

Director of Planning

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District ref: 26/01224/S73
HCC ref: NH/29247/2026
HCC received: 21 July 2026
Area manager: Matthew Armstrong
Case officer: Matthew Armstrong

Location

Land Adjacent Sewage Pumping Station, Ashwell Road, Bygrave, Hertfordshire,

Application type

Variation of Condition

Proposal

AMENDED PROPOSAL - SEE NOTIFICATION LETTER

Section 73 Application : Variation of Condition numbers 21 (External appearances): vary approved colour scheme. 26 (CTMP): vary amount of articulated lorry visits for no more than 4 weeks, and 29 (Enabling works): replace the wording "HGV movements" with "articulated lorry movements" of planning permission reference 22/00741/FP granted on 17.06.2024 for Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm including battery energy storage; continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure, security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works (as amended by information received 29 January 2024

Recommendation

Notice is given under article 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 that Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

COMMENTS:

The proposed change to the wording of condition 29 (which requires the North Road / Bygrave Road junction to be widened and the crossing point / central pedestrian island moved slightly forward), is no longer being pursued by the applicant.

In terms of condition 26, following the Highway Authority's concerns raised about increasing the daily articulated lorry movements per day to 8, the applicant has now submitted a Technical Note, 'TN06:

daily Revised Articulated Vehicle Limit' and 'Addendum (V2) to Construction Traffic Management Plan'.

These documents present a case for a lower increase to 3 articulated lorry visits per day (i.e. 6 movements), with the delivery hours extended by one hour to become 09:00 - 15:00. The documents also set out some extra mitigation, such as further banksmen presence.

The proposed increase from 2 to 3 articulated lorry visits per day is accepted, alongside the slightly extended delivery hours.

The documents also set out an increase to 4 articulated lorry movements per day under clearly defined exceptional circumstances. This includes:

- Adverse weather conditions;
- Temporary road incidents;
- Emergency works on delivery routes; or
- Other unavoidable delay to a delivery (with the specific cause recorded in the daily movement log).

If the LPA is content that enforcement can be effective under these definitions, then the Highway Authority does not object to this 'exceptional circumstances' clause being included.

Signed

Matthew Armstrong

23 July 2026