



Mark Youngman
Development Management Group Manager
Hertfordshire County Council
Postal Point CHN115
Farnham House
Six Hills Way
Stevenage
SG1 2ST

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

Director of Planning

North Hertfordshire Council
Council Offices
Gernon Road
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3JF

District ref: 26/01683/FP
HCC ref: NH/29773/2026
HCC received: 24 August 2026
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi
Case officer: Paul Marshall

Location

Land Known As Plot 2A , London Road, Barkway, Hertfordshire, SG8 8EY

Application type

Full Application

Proposal

AMENDED PROPOSAL

Full Planning Permission : Creation of vehicular access off London Road. (Development already carried out).

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 recommends that permission be refused for the following reasons:

The Highway Authority has reviewed the additional drawing submitted by the applicant, which indicates that the access has been constructed with a gradient of approximately 1:10 (10%).

Whilst the Highway Authority acknowledges that previous correspondence incorrectly referred to a 1:10 gradient, the relevant design guidance contained within Hertfordshire County Council's Place and Movement Planning and Design Guidance (Part 3, Chapter 1) advises that gradients for motorised vehicle routes should not exceed 5% (1:20). Consequently, the submitted drawing does not demonstrate compliance with the guidance and confirms that the access remains substantially steeper than the recommended standard.

The Highway Authority also continues to require details of the proposed use of the land in order to assess the likely vehicle movements associated with the site and determine whether the access can

safely accommodate those movements. In particular, swept path analysis should be provided to demonstrate that vehicles reasonably expected to use the site can safely enter and leave the access without undertaking manoeuvres prejudicial to highway safety.

In the absence of this information, and given that the submitted gradient remains significantly steeper than the recommended standard, the Highway Authority's concerns remain unresolved.

Signed

Paul Marshall

8 September 2026