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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: 24/02129/FP
HCC ref: NH/22805/2024
HCC received: 31 October 2024
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi
Case officer: Paul Marshall

Location

Baldock Services, Great North Road, Radwell, Baldock, SG7 5TR

Application type

Full Application

Proposal

Full Planning Permission : Installation of electric vehicle charging bays and associated works with two substations

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.

HCC as Highway Authority recommends inclusion of the following Advisory Note (AN) to ensure that any works within the highway are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Act 1980.

AN1) Storage of materials: The applicant is advised that the storage of materials associated with the construction of this development should be provided within the site on land which is not public highway, and the use of such areas must not interfere with the public highway. If this is not possible, authorisation should be sought from the Highway Authority before construction works commence. Further information is available via the County Council website at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/business-and-developer-information/business-licences/business-licences.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

AN2) Obstruction of highway: It is an offence under section 137 of the Highways Act 1980 for any person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way to wilfully obstruct the free passage along a highway or public right of way. If this development is likely to result in the public highway or public right of way network becoming routinely blocked (fully or partly) the applicant must contact the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements before construction works commence. Further information is available via the County Council website at: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/business-and-developer-information/business-licences/business-licences.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

COMMENTS

The proposals are for Full Planning Permission: Installation of electric vehicle charging bays and associated works with two substations.

Baldock Services internal road network is not maintainable by the Highway Authority.

The application

Policy Review:

The key documents used to assess the application are:

- Manual for Streets 2007
- National Planning Policy Framework (July 2021)
- Hertfordshire County Council's (HCC) Local Transport Plan-4 [2018-2031, May2018]
- Cycle Infrastructure Design DfT Local Transport Note 1/20 (July 2020)
- HCC's Place & Movement Planning Design Guidance (adopted in March 2024)

PLANNING HISTORY

The application site has no previous planning history.

DRAWINGS

The Highway Authority note the submission of materials in support of the planning application, including drawing numbers: Planning Statement, 9586-POI-DRG-CIV-200011 P02, 9586-POI-DRG-CIV-200015 P02, and 9586-POI-DRG-CIV-200012 P02.

Section 5.26 of the Planning Statement states:

In addition, the proposed development is not in conflict with Policy T1: (Assessment of Transport Matters) as the development will not lead to unacceptable Highway safety or capacity issues. Due to the minimal impact the development will have on the Highways network, it is considered that a Transport Statement is not necessary to be undertaken as part of this proposal.

This is accepted by the Highway Authority

It is further accepted that the reduction of standard parking bays will likely have no impact to the surrounding highway network. Construction vehicles again, will have no impact as the site caters for all classes of HGV's.

CONCLUSION

Should the LPA be minded to approve the application please note the above informatives. This level of development is unlikely to generate any extra movements which would ultimately lead to demonstrable harm to the highway network in terms of free flow and capacity, therefore; the highway authority would not wish to restrict the grant of planning permission.

Signed

Paul Marshall

11 November 2024