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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: 25/00975/FP
HCC ref: NH/24813/2025
HCC received: 29 April 2025
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi
Case officer: Shamsul Huda

Location

LAND ADJACENT TO BREACHWOOD GREEN INDUSTRIAL PARK PASTURE LANE
BREACHWOOD GREEN HITCHIN SG4 8NY

Application type

Full Application

Proposal

Creation of car park with 28 spaces to serve the adjacent industrial area (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:

COMMENT:

There is insufficient information supplied with this application to enable the Highway Authority to reach a recommendation. In the absence of the necessary information, the Highway Authority recommends refusal due to doubt over possible implications for highway safety, sustainability, and convenience.

The highway would question

- What is the purpose of car park and who will use them
- It appears to me that the access point was not approved by the highways
- No documents are provided in terms of access approval
- Inadequate visibility at the access point

Pasture Lane is an unnumbered classified road type-C. It is classified as narrow rural lane with speed limited of 60mph. Also, visibility is very limited due to sharp bend along road.

The highway authority consider that the proposed car park will generate significant numbers of vehicular trips in the vicinity and will have unacceptable impact on the local highway network in terms of traffic congestion and highway safety. Therefore, the highway considers that the proposed development is unacceptable due to the nature of Pasture Lane and in the context of LPT4 and NPPF 2024 policies. .

Signed

Shamsul Huda

11 June 2025