

Our ref: NH/25/13381
Your ref: 25/02260/FP

Matt Lewis
Spatial Planner - East Region
Woodlands
Manton Lane
Bedford
MK41 7LW

www.nationalhighways.co.uk

5 May 2026

Dear Welcome Break,

Northway Filling Station, Great North Road, Hinxworth, Baldock, Hertfordshire

Thank you for your letter to National Highways dated 25 March 2026 (received 16 April 2026) regarding our request for a GG104 Safety Risk Assessment for planning application 25/02260/FP.

This request was issued following late concerns raised with National Highways. During a recent site visit, the behaviour of HGV drivers was observed, and it became clear that the limited space for HGV manoeuvres—combined with the need for smaller vehicles to travel in the opposite direction behind the fuelling station—creates a significant conflict that must be addressed.

While we acknowledge that other applications have not previously required a GG104 assessment at the planning stage, the principles applied elsewhere cannot necessarily be transferred to this location. Each site is unique, and this particular site presents specific constraints due to its size and the restricted space available for vehicle movements, especially for HGVs exiting the fuelling pumps.

Should a permanent planning application be pursued, we would expect this risk to be clearly identified, and an effective, site-specific solution proposed.

I trust the above comments are clear. However, if you have any queries or wish to provide further information for review, please do not hesitate to contact PlanningEE@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Lewis

Spatial Planner

Planning and Development

National Highways | Woodlands | Manton Lane | Bedford | MK41 7LW

Tel: 0300 470 7564

E-mail: Matthew.Lewis@NationalHighways.co.uk