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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: 24/02479/FP
HCC ref: NH/23027/2024
HCC received: 19 November 2024
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi
Case officer: Paul Marshall

Location

Service Station , Bedford Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2UG

Application type

Full Application

Proposal

Full Planning Permission : Installation of two electric vehicle charging bays with a charging unit, two lighting columns and associated electrical equipment.
(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 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 two electric vehicle charging bays with a charging unit, two lighting columns and associated electrical equipment. (Development already carried out).

Bedford Road is maintainable by the highway authority and is a Principle 'A' road (A600) and provides a main distributor function in the road hierarchy. The vehicle speeds past this site are limited to 30 mph. There have been no recorded accidents near the site in a rolling 5-year period.

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]
- HCC's Place & Movement Planning Design Guidance (adopted in March 2024)

PLANNING HISTORY

The application site has previous planning history with application 19/01598/FP.

DRAWINGS

The Highway Authority note the submission of materials in support of the planning application, including drawing numbers: 003 to 005. 007 to 009 all Rev B, and Planning Statement/Design and Access Statement for BP Pulse 31 October 2024,

CONCLUSION

The installation of the EV Charging units has already been carried out. The position of the EV's would not affect the ingress and egress of vehicles using the service station. This level of development is unlikely to generate any extra movements which would impact the surrounding highway network; therefore, the highway authority would not wish to restrict the grant of planning permission.

Signed

Paul Marshall

27 November 2024