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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: 26/01820/FP
HCC ref: NH/30021/2026
HCC received: 7 August 2026
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi
Case officer: Paul Marshall

Location

Poplars Farm, Roe Green, Sandon, Buntingford, SG9 0QG

Application type

Full Application

Proposal

Full Planning Permission : Change of use of existing barn for live music for charity events for a maximum of 15 evenings in any calendar year (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.

The Highway Authority has reviewed the application and supporting information relating to the retrospective use of the existing barn for live music charity events on a maximum of 15 occasions per calendar year. The Authority notes that the use has been operating for a significant period and there is no evidence before the Highway Authority to demonstrate that the development has resulted in any material harm to highway safety or the operation of the local highway network.

The submitted information confirms that attendance is controlled through advance booking, event numbers are limited, arrivals are staggered and adequate off-street parking is provided within the application site. Parking is managed by the applicant and visitors are accommodated within the site, thereby avoiding overspill parking on the surrounding highway network.

The Highway Authority further notes that the Local Planning Authority's investigations have not identified any concerns relating to parking, traffic generation or highway safety arising from the operation of the events.

Given the limited frequency of the events, the availability of on-site parking and the absence of any substantiated highway safety concerns, the Highway Authority considers that the proposal would not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety nor would it result in a severe residual cumulative impact on the local road network.

The proposal is therefore considered acceptable in highway terms.

The Highway Authority raises no objection to the proposed development.

Signed

Paul Marshall

21 August 2026