



## Developments Affecting Trunk Roads and Special Roads

### Highways England Planning Response (HEPR 16-01)

### Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: 19/00014/OAEA

Location: Land North Of Lower Haysden Lane Tonbridge Kent

Proposal: Outline Application: The construction of up to 125 new homes, a 2 form entry primary school, the formation of new means of access onto Lower Haysden Lane, new pedestrian and cycle links (including links to the existing playing fields and Country Park to the west), the laying out of open space, new strategic landscaping, habitat creation, drainage features and associated ground works and infrastructure

Highways England Reference: 83679#9576

Referring to the planning application referenced above (consultation received 29 January 2020) in the vicinity of the A21 Tonbridge Bypass that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that Highways England's formal recommendation is that we:

a) offer no objection\*;

*\*this is on the basis that based on the evidence submitted and our own assessment, we are satisfied that the development will not materially affect the safety, reliability and/or operation of the strategic road network (the tests set out in DfT Circular 02/2013, particularly paragraphs 9 & 10, and DCLG NPPF particularly paragraph 109) in this location and its vicinity.*

- ~~b) recommend that conditions should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted (see Annex A – Highways England recommended Planning Conditions);~~
- ~~c) recommend that planning permission not be granted for a specified period (see Annex A – further assessment required);~~
- ~~d) recommend that the application be refused (see Annex A – Reasons for recommending Refusal).~~

Highways Act Section 175B (covering new access to the SRN) is not relevant to this application.<sup>1</sup>

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND (“we”) have been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

This represents Highways England’s formal recommendation (prepared by the Area 4 Spatial Planning Team) and is made available to the Department for Transport as per the terms of our Licence.

Should the Local Planning Authority disagree with any recommendation made under b), c) or d) above, the application must not be determined before they have:

- i) informed Highways England; and
- ii) consulted the Secretary of State for Transport, as per the Town and Country Planning (Development Affecting Trunk Roads) Direction 2018, via [transportplanning@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@dft.gsi.gov.uk).

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<sup>1</sup> Where relevant, further information will be provided within Annex A.