



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 21-09) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: 20220915

Location: Former Gravesend and North Kent Hospital (M Block), Clifton Road, Gravesend, Kent.

Proposal: Application for a minor material amendment to planning permission reference no. 20190504 (following planning permission reference no. 20220487 for non-material amendment to allow the change of description to: Conversion of existing building with a side extension and a roof extension, the construction of a new residential building to provide residential units (class C3) consisting of one bed, two bed and three bed homes, together with associated car parking, motorcycle and cycles spaces alongside amenity space, private gymnasium and waste and space in Class E as flexi use space) to allow: amendments to Block M only (conversion building), including amendments to unit mix, internal layouts and parking, introduction of additional private and shared amenity space, elevational changes and amended material palette.

National Highways Ref: 96243 #17961

Referring to the consultation on a planning application referenced above dated 28 September 2022, in the vicinity of the A2 at Gravesham that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that National Highways' formal recommendation is that we:

a) offer no objection;

- ~~b) recommend that conditions should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted (see Annex A – National Highways recommended Planning Conditions & reasons);~~
- ~~e) recommend that planning permission not be granted for a specified period (see reasons at Annex A);~~
- ~~d) recommend that the application be refused (see reasons at Annex A)~~

Highways Act 1980 Section 175B is not relevant to this application.¹

This represents National Highways formal recommendation and is copied to the Department for Transport as per the terms of our Licence.

Should the Local Planning Authority not propose to determine the application in accordance with this recommendation they are required to consult the Secretary of State for Transport, as set out in the [Town and Country Planning \(Development Affecting Trunk Roads\) Direction 2018](#), via transportplanning@dft.gov.uk and may not determine the application until the consultation process is complete.

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Annex A National Highway's assessment of the proposed development

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a 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.

¹ Where relevant, further information will be provided within Annex A.

Recommendation:

offer no objection:

Reasons:

We have assessed the documents submitted with the application. We had no objection to the original application. We are content that the proposed minor amendments in connection with Block M, resulting in a slight reduction in dwellings, also means that the traffic generated will not have an unacceptable impact on the safety, reliability and/or operational efficiency of the SRN (the tests set out in DfT Circular 02/13, especially paras 8 to 11 and MHCLG NPPF2021 especially paras 110 to 113).