



## 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: **16/07288/OUT**

Referring to the notification of planning application referenced above, dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in connection with the M4 Motorway, Outline planning application (all matters reserved except means of access) for residential development, including the construction of up to 71 dwellings, creation of new vehicular access with footways & cycleways and ancillary road infrastructure, public open spaces, children's play area, landscape planting, surface water attenuation and associated infrastructure, Land South of Filands, Malmesbury, notice is hereby given that Highways England's 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 - 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 is not relevant to this application.<sup>1</sup>

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Should you disagree with this recommendation you should consult the Secretary of State for Transport, as per the Town and Country Planning (Development Affecting Trunk Roads) Direction 2015, 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.

## **Annex A     Highways England recommended no objection**

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND ("we") has 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 works 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.

We have undertaken a review of the relevant documents supporting the planning application to ensure compliance with the current policies of the Secretary of State as set out in DfT Circular 02/2013 "The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development" and the DCLG National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

This response represents our formal recommendations with regard to planning application 16/07288/OUT and has been prepared by Gaye Fairfield, the Asset Manager for the M4 in Wiltshire.

### **Statement of Reasons**

From a review of the submitted documents, the location and scale of the proposed development will not adversely impact on the operation of the SRN.

### **Recommendation**

Highways England has no objection to the development.

