



## 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: RR/2020/538/P

Location: The Saltings, Rye Wharf, Harbour Road, Icklesham TN31 7TL.

Proposal: Construction of new industrial building known as Unit R17 comprising two self-contained business industrial units (Use Class B1/B2/B8), and construction of electricity room.

Highways England Reference: 88524

Referring to the planning application referenced above received by Highways England on 6 July 2020, in the vicinity of the A259 near Icklesham 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\*

*\*On the basis that we note that ESCC have formally withdrawn their objection to the applications. In doing so they are content with the ability of their part of the junction to accommodate current and future traffic levels.*

*We will respect their position and therefore also do not now seek to improve the junction.*

*However, there is a possibility that the queueing, depending upon its severity, could lead to increased driver frustration which in turn could increase the potential for accidents at the junction and so this should be monitored by the LPA and ESCC. If monitoring demonstrates that an*

*improvement is required, it should be brought forward either via a Local Plan review or via the LPA working with future applicants for development that will rely on the junction.*

- ~~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.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@dft.gov.uk).

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