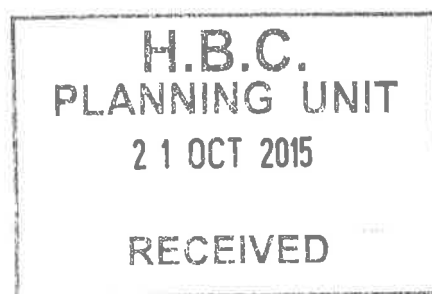


HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL
SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES PLAN
STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL (HBC)

AND

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND (HE)



FINAL VERSION
13 OCTOBER 2015

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

Highways England, the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network, is concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network and has submitted a representation in relation to Policy SADM26 South Mimms Special Policy Area in the published Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan.

SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES PLAN (SADM)

Policy SADM26 of Hertsmere Borough Council's SADM is concerned with the South Mimms Special Policy Area which covers the South Mimms Motorway Service area next to Junction 23 of the M25. It sets out a framework for the preferred rationalization of the site, which is designed to

- reduce conflict between the different uses which occupy the area;
- improve vehicle circulation;
- ensure that the most environmentally sensitive uses are located in the most appropriate parts of the site;
- improve safety; and
- improve environmental conditions.

It is the Council's intention to prepare a brief for the area in liaison with relevant organisations.

The wording of Policy SADM26 in the Consultation Draft version of SADM was the subject of correspondence between Hertsmere Borough Council and the Highways Agency in 2014, as a result of which minor changes were agreed and incorporated into the Submission version of the Plan.

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND REQUESTED CHANGE

In their response to the publication of the Submission version of SADM. Highways England has requested a further minor amendment to Policy SADM26. Policy SADM26 currently includes the provision that:

Proposals will not be supported which:...

(ii) have an adverse impact on the safe and effective operation of the strategic road network

Highways England has requested that this provision in Policy SADM26 be amended to:

Proposals will not be supported which:...

ii) have an adverse impact on the safe and effective operation of the existing or expanded Highways England and Connect Plus facilities and the strategic road network.

Highways England have requested this additional wording in order "to ensure that activity relating to the management, operations and maintenance of the adjacent motorway network are not compromised. These operations are essential to the safety and movement of road users on the high speed network but do not provide facilities for the travelling public."

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL RESPONSE

Hertsmere Borough Council has no objection to this requested wording being incorporated into Policy SADM26.

RESOLUTION

Minor change to Policy SADM26 South Mimms Special Policy Area

N.B.: Deletions are struck through; insertions are underlined.

Policy SADM26 - South Mimms Special Policy Area

Proposals will not be supported which:

ii) have an adverse impact on the safe and effective operation of the existing or expanded Highways England and Connect Plus facilities and the strategic road network;



On behalf of Hertsmere Borough Council

Dated 5 NOVEMBER 2015



On behalf of Highways England

Dated 19/10/2015.

