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Sent: 13 June 2017 17:12
To: Claire Potts
Cc: Planning SE; Cleaver, Elizabeth; Franklin, Richard
Subject: FW: BE/65/17/EIS - Land West of Bersted, Bersted

Hi Claire,

Please see the email response below sent to Lucy on the 7th June.

Kind regards

David

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Subject: BE/65/17/EIS - Land West of Bersted, Bersted

Highways England reference: HAMIS 78016

Site: Land West of Bersted, Bersted.

Proposal: Scoping Opinion for mixed use development to include up to 2300 new homes, up to 10 ha of employment land, a 3 Form Entry primary school, a local centre & associated infrastructure.

Planning Application No: BE/65/17/EIS

For the attention of: Lucy Harding

Dear Lucy,

Thank you for your letter dated 15 May 2017 regarding the planning application referenced above.

Highways England 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 Highways England 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 will therefore be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A27 at Chichester.

The contents of the EIS are noted and we take the opportunity to highlight Highways England's expectations with regard to the Transportation Assessment to accompany the proposals. At the outset we are pleased to see that a Transportation Assessment Scoping note will be produced which we will be happy to provide advice and comments upon. The Scoping note will need to be agreed prior to commencement of the main transport study by both Highways England and West Sussex County Council as Strategic and Local Highway Authorities.

Through work already undertaken taken with colleagues at West Sussex County Council and Arun District Council with consultants Systra, impacts from this strategic development site at Bersted will affect the safe and efficient operation of both the local and strategic road networks.

As Strategic Highway Authority, we have concerns about the implications of development traffic on the A27 Chichester Bypass. Of particular concern is the impact of the development site on the A27 Bognor Road Roundabout and A27 Whyke Roundabout. Both junctions will need detailed consideration as part of the Transportation Assessment being undertaken by WYG. The assessment of these junctions will need to take into account Chichester District Councils Local Plan proposals (plus committed development) and the agreed necessary junction mitigations on the A27 coupled with the cumulative impacts of Arun's committed development and that from its emerging Local Plan. It will be necessary to undertake the assessment at the end of both Local Plan periods which is currently 2031 as well as year of opening at full occupancy.

As the Chichester Local Plan mitigation schemes on the A27 Chichester Bypass only account for the impacts of Chichester's own strategic development and deliver a 'no worse' than existing scenario on the highway network, it is highly unlikely that additional impacts from strategic development at Land

West of Bersted can be accommodated without increasing the severity of congestion already encountered at these junctions. Accordingly, the Transport Assessment will need to consider appropriate highways mitigations at the A27 Bognor Road and Whyke junctions as well as measures targeted at reducing travel demand by car in favour of more sustainable transport modes.

Highways England are happy to work with consultants WYG as well as colleagues from West Sussex County, Arun District and Chichester District councils and look forward to our continued involvement as the Bersted strategic site is brought forward.

Kind regards

David

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