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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: AWDM/1537/17

Location: 75 Upper Brighton Road, Sompting, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 0JQ.

Proposal: Single storey extension to north/east elevations; new metal cladding to south, east and west elevations. Conversion of first floor one bedroom flat into 2 no. one bedroom flats.

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Referring to the notification of a planning application dated 14 November 2017 referenced above, in the vicinity of the A27 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 the trips generated will be of a level that will not materially affect the safety and/or operation of the Strategic Road Network.*

Please also note that Highways England has recently concluded its Public Consultation on the proposed options for the A27 Worthing and Lancing improvements scheme, which opened on 19 July 2017 and closed on the 12 September 2017. The results of that consultation have not been determined and no Preferred Route Announcement (PRA) has been made at this time. In responding to this application, whilst Highways England are not formally objecting to the proposal it is advised that the applicant is made aware that there is a possibility that, depending

on which scheme or variant thereof is progressed to PRA, then the development site could be affected by the final preferred route. Unfortunately, it is too early following the consultation to advise on the extent to which the development may be affected if at all. In the event that the A27 Worthing and Lancing improvements scheme does not proceed, and subject to further detailed traffic analysis, Local Plan mitigation to deliver Local Authority housing to 2032 may also necessitate improvement at the junction, which may or may not affect the development site.

~~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.[1]

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 response represents our formal recommendations with regard to AWDM/1537/17 and has been prepared by the Area 4 Spatial Planning Team and is copied to the Department for Transport as per the terms of our Licence.

Should the Council 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. If you need a copy of the Direction, please contact us.

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