



**National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 21-09)
Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission**

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Council's Reference: 22/0036

Location: AND BETWEEN GREENWAYS NUSERY AND 89 MAINS LANE, SINGLETON, FY6 7LD

Proposal: OUTLINE APPLICATION WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED FOR THE ERECTION OF ONE DWELLING - RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATION 20/0735

National Highways Ref: 93667

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 14th January 2022 referenced above, in the vicinity of the A585 trunk road that forms part of the Strategic Road Network, notice is hereby given that National Highways' 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 – National Highways 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~~ / is not relevant to this application.¹

This represents National Highways' formal recommendation and is copied to the Department for Transport as per the terms of our Licence.

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

Should the Local Planning Authority not propose to determine the application in accordance with this recommendation they are required to consult the Secretary of State for Transport, as set out in the [Town and Country Planning \(Development Affecting Trunk Roads\) Direction 2018](#), via transportplanning@dft.gov.uk and may not determine the application until the consultation process is complete.

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Annex A National Highway's assessment of the proposed development

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a 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.

There have been no pre-application discussions prior to the submission of these proposals.

The site in question forms part of a wider open field containing an existing stable block, which is set back some distance from the A585 and is accessed via an existing field access onto Mains Lane. We note that the proposed dwelling would share this same access, which is only capable of allowing one vehicle in / one vehicle out at any one time – we therefore welcome the fact that the driveway layout of the proposed dwelling enables vehicles to turn within the site and therefore exit onto Mains Lane in a forward gear.

National Highways has no objection to the proposals on the grounds of the traffic generated, which would be minimal. In terms of safety, in our view, the standard visibility requirements for vehicles leaving the site of approaching traffic on Mains Lane of 120 metres in either direction are met, but that these are the very maximum distances that may be seen by a driver wishing to exit the site. Consequently, we suggest that the applicant might want to consider whether they could further improve visibility (particularly to the west) by amending their existing hedge line or, at the least, keeping it trimmed.

National Highways Conclusion & Formal Recommendations

National Highways has no objection to these proposals, but formally recommends that the following conditions are attached to any grant of planning consent in the interests of maintaining the safety and integrity of the A585 trunk road:

1. There shall be no connection to the highway drainage system of the A585(T).

It is necessary for these conditions so that the safety and integrity of the A585 trunk road is maintained, which is in accordance with the provisions of Circular 02/2013 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Finally, we advise that no works associated with this application shall involve the closure to traffic of the A585(T).

This response represents our formal recommendations with regard to this application and has been prepared by Warren Hilton.