



**National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 22-12)
Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission**

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Council's Reference: 24/00129/FULMAJ

Location: Land Off Garstang Road East Poulton-Le-Fylde FY6 7EH

Proposal: Proposed residential development for 21 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure and landscaping with access from The Blossoms.

National Highways Ref: NH/24/05898

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 12th April 2024 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 (see reasons at Annex A);
- ~~b) recommend that conditions should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted (see Annex A – National Highways recommended Planning Conditions & reasons);~~
- ~~c) recommend that planning permission not be granted for a specified period (see reasons at Annex A);~~
- ~~d) recommend that the application be refused (see reasons at Annex A)~~

Highways Act 1980 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.

The Local Planning Authority must also copy any consultation under the 2018 Direction to PlanningNW@nationalhighways.co.uk.

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Annex A National Highways' 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.

National Highways comments on proposals

This is a full application for 21 dwellings on a vacant plot of land in an established residential area within Poulton-le-Fylde. The site is not allocated for development within the current Local Plan and is located approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the SRN (A585 Poulton Junction).

No Transport Statement is provided with the application, and so as proposed the applicant has not demonstrated the requirements for the application to be validated, or compliance with the requirements of DfT Circular 01/2022. Circular 01/2022 requires impacts of unallocated sites to be assessed based upon the scenario that assumes the full build-out of the Local Plan.

In our view, this development would be likely to generate in the region of only 10 – 15 trips during the peak periods. Assuming all of those trips utilised the SRN (which in reality they would not), the traffic impact upon the SRN would not be likely to have a material impact upon the operation of the junction; much less in reality.

Consequently, at that level of impact it is highly unlikely in our view that even if such an assessment was undertaken, the conclusion would be likely to be any different. Therefore the development would not in our view be likely to result in a severe residual traffic impact upon the SRN or a material reduction in safety, and on that basis there would be no grounds for National Highways to object to this proposal.

National Highways

11th April 2024

Standing advice to the local planning authority

The Climate Change Committee's 2022 Report to Parliament notes that for the UK to achieve net zero carbon status by 2050, action is needed to support a modal shift away from car travel. The NPPF supports this position, with paragraphs 74 and 109 prescribing that significant development should offer a genuine choice of transport modes, while paragraphs 108 and 114 advise that appropriate opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport should be taken up.

Moreover, the build clever and build efficiently criteria as set out in clause 6.1.4 of PAS2080 promote the use of low carbon materials and products, innovative design solutions and construction methods to minimise resource consumption.

These considerations should be weighed alongside any relevant Local Plan policies to ensure that planning decisions are in line with the necessary transition to net zero carbon.