



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

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Council's Reference: 21/01600/OUT

Location: Land Adjacent HMP Gartree, Welland Avenue, Gartree, Lubenham, Leics.

Proposal: New Prison

National Highways Ref: 92717

Referring to the consultation on the planning application dated 22 September 2021, as referenced above, in Lubenham, Leicestershire, 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 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). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner in support of national economic growth.

In relation to the new prison (referred to as Gartree 2) located adjacent to the existing HMP Gartree near Market Harborough, Leicestershire, our principal interest is in safeguarding the M1 which routes approximately 11 miles to the west and the A14 which routes approximately 10 miles to the south, with all local routes being the responsibility of Leicestershire County Council.

In terms of the impact of a development upon the SRN, our reference is *circular 02/2013 the strategic road network and the delivery of sustainable development*, which states in paragraph 9 that *...development should only be prevented or refused on transport grounds where the residual cumulative impacts of development are severe*, which is then in accordance with the advice as set out in the NPPF.

In terms of the impact from this planning application, and considering the proposed level and distribution of traffic, not to mention the distance from the Strategic Road Network, it is considered that there would be no severe traffic impact upon our network.

As such National Highways are minded to offer a 'No Objection' response to this planning application, but would wish to be re-consulted should there be any significant change, to the current proposals.

I hope that the above is satisfactory and clearly sets out our position, but if you wish to discuss any aspect of our response then please do not hesitate to contact me.

