



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

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Council's Reference: S62A/22/000004

Location: Land East of Parsonage Road, and south of hall road Stansted, Essex
CM22 6PL

Proposal: The erection of a 14.3 MW solar photovoltaic farm with associated access tracks, landscaping, supplementary battery storage, and associated infrastructure.

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated 7 June 22 referenced above, in the vicinity of the A120 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

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

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

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.

I refer to our earlier response date 23 June 22 in which we requested further information specifically a glint and glare assessment for the nearby A120. This has now been received and confirms there the is unlikely to be an issue for drivers on the A120.

We welcome the initiative mentioned in the CTMP (para 5.28) that the project team will try to avoid peak hours travel, especially, during the local school nursery's pick and drop off time. However, it may also be necessary to manage the construction traffic to avoid generating additional peak hour movements at specific sensitive junctions on the Strategic Road Network. National Highways will be interested to see

the detail of the final version of the CTMP, which may be a planning condition moving forward. It should be noted that the peak traffic time for Airport traffic is 04:00 to 05:00

Subject to the construction management plan being complied with as agreed the impact from this proposal is unlikely to be severe and therefore we have no objection to the granting of permission.