



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 24-02) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: S62A/2024/0070

Referring to the notification of a Full planning application referenced above, for the erection of extension to the existing club to extend internal spa facilities and the installation of a spa garden which includes a sauna, plant room and store, the creation of additional parking spaces and associated works, at David Lloyd, Greystoke Avenue, Southmead, Bristol City, BS10 6AZ, 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.

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

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Annex A National Highways' recommended No Objections

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.

We have undertaken a review of the relevant documents supporting the planning application to ensure compliance with the current policies of the Secretary of State as set out in DfT Circular 01/2022 "The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development" and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This response represents our formal recommendations with regards to planning application reference S62A/2024/0070.

Statement of Reasons

The Section 62a application seeks full permission for the erection of extension to the existing club to extend internal spa facilities and the installation of a spa garden which includes a sauna, plant room and store, the creation of additional parking spaces and associated works, at David Lloyd, Greystoke Avenue, Southmead, Bristol. The site is located approximately 2.8km south east of the M5 and 4.3km north west of the M32 which form part of the SRN.

The application is supported by a Transport Technical Note dated 25 October 2024 prepared by SLR.

Impact on Strategic Road Network

National Highways considers the proposal unlikely to result in a material change to the vehicular traffic that is currently generated by the site. Based on this and the distance of the site from our network we are satisfied the proposal is unlikely to result in an adverse impact on the safe operation of the strategic road network.

Recommendation

National Highways has no objection to application S62A/2024/0070.

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 Switch and Improve criteria as set out in clause 4.3 of PAS2080:23 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.