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Subject: National Highways 1/8/25 updated response (our ref NH/25/10773) re application DM/25/0590 - Little Reeds Farm London Road Hickstead Haywards Heath West Sussex
Attachments: 20250801 NH HR NH-25-10773 DM-25-0590 - Little Reeds Farm London Rd Hickstead W Sussex.pdf

For attention of:	Andrew Clarke
Your Reference:	DM/25/0590
Site:	Little Reeds Farm London Road Hickstead Haywards Heath
Proposal:	Engineering works: 5m high earth noise bund with associated landscaping
National Highways' Reference:	NH/25/10773

Dear Mr Clarke

I provided our initial Holding Recommendation with regards the above application on 2 May 2025.

Since then, I have engaged with the applicant's agent to seek to satisfactorily address all matters relevant to the safety, reliability and operational efficiency of the A23 that forms part of the Strategic Road Network.

While progress has been made, there are still matters to be resolved. You were previously copied into my email of 7 July, and I have also copied into an email sent today, 1 August.

As a consequence, please find attached our updated **Holding Recommendation** on the basis that we require further information in order to assess the application. It expires on 31 October 2025 unless or until replaced by a further Recommendation.

We have copied this response to the applicant's agent and await their response in due course.

In the meantime, if any party has any queries regarding our response, please contact us via planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Regards

PS I note that my original cover email of 2 May has been uploaded to the application webpage but the actual Holding Recommendation was not. Can this be rectified please.

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