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Subject: NH/26/16289 - DM/26/1199 - Land south of Leacroft, London Road - NH response 04/06/26

For Attention of: Steven King, Mid Sussex District Council

Your Reference: DM/26/1199 - Land south of Leacroft, London Road, Hickstead, West Sussex

Proposal: Discharge of condition nos 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 relating to application DM/23/1339

Our Reference: NH/26/16289

Dear Steven,

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2026 consulting National Highways regarding the above referenced application.

We are concerned about the safety, reliability, and operational efficiency of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), in this case the A2300 in the vicinity of the site.

We have reviewed the application and submitted documents.

Conditions 3 (drainage), 4 (contamination), 5 (material and finishes samples), 6 (lighting)

We have reviewed the supporting evidence, and our formal response is **no objection to the discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5, and 6 of planning permission DM/23/1339.**

Condition 2 (Construction Management Plan)

We have reviewed the submitted Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (May 2026) in the context of condition 2 of planning permission DM/23/1339.

The CEMP omits the following information:

- Swept path analysis to demonstrate that the largest construction vehicles can safely access and egress the construction site from the A2300 in a forward gear.
- No commitment to dampening stock piles to suppress dust
- No details of construction traffic – anticipated number, frequency and types of vehicles used during construction

- No commitment for construction vehicles to avoid the network peak hours (08:00-09:00 and 17:00-18:00). *CEMP states: Working hours will be restricted to 07:30–18:00 Monday–Friday and 08:00–13:00 Saturday, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA.*
- Lighting – CEMP states: *All artificial lighting on site will be angled to avoid causing dazzle to the traffic using the A23.* Need more details – temporary lighting should be directed away from the A2300.

In the absence of this information, our formal response is that **we recommend that condition 2 of planning permission DM/23/1339 is not discharged at this time.**

Should you or any others have any queries regarding our response, please contact us via planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Kind regards,

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