



National Highways Planning Response (NHPR 24-01) Formal Recommendation to an Application for Planning Permission

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Council's Reference: PA/2023/421

Location: VPI Power Station, Rosper Road, South Killingholme, DN40 3DZ

Proposal: Planning permission for the construction and operation of a post-combustion carbon capture plant, including carbon dioxide compressor and metering, cooling equipment, stacks, substations, internal roads, partial ditch realignment, new and modified services, connections, accesses, maintenance and laydown areas.

National Highways Ref: NH/23/04269

Referring to the consultation on a planning application dated **April 2 2024** referenced above, in the vicinity of the A180/A160 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)~~

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.

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

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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 build clever and build efficiently criteria as set out in clause 6.1.4 of [PAS2080](#) 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.

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.

Highways Act Section 175B

In accordance with Section 175(b) of the Highways Act 1980 (as inserted by The Infrastructure Act 2015) National Highways ~~consents/~~does not consent to the formation of an access on to the A180 or A160 Trunk Road. ~~This consent is valid only for application XXXXXXXX and to the layouts shown on drawing XXXXXXXX.~~

Recommended Conditions

Having reviewed all relevant information, National Highways have no objections to this development. However, we would request that the following, or suitably worded alternative conditions, be applied:

1. Construction Traffic Management Plan

“Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority in consultation with National Highways, construction of the development hereby approved shall not commence unless and until a Construction Traffic Management Plan [CTMP] has been submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority in consultation with National Highways. Thereafter, the construction shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed plan.”

Reason: To safeguard the free flow of traffic on the Strategic Road Network.

2. Decommissioning

“Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with National Highways (or its successors) decommissioning of the development hereby approved shall not commence unless and until a Decommissioning Traffic Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with National Highways (or its successors). Thereafter unless otherwise approved in writing decommissioning shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved plan.”