

TABLED UPDATE FOR ITEM 2.13

21/505461/PSINF – HMP STANDFORD HILL CHURCH ROAD EASTCHURCH ME12 4AA

1. Further to KCC Highways consultation response in section 7 of the committee report, the applicant has submitted information in response to KCC Highways consultation comments dated 16/03/22.
2. KCC Highways have provided further consultation comments dated 12/05/22 which are included as a tabled paper. In summary the comments set out that KCC Highways raise no objection subject to conditions including a construction management plan; provision of electric charging points; provision and retention of vehicle parking spaces; and submission of a Travel Plan.
3. Further to paragraph 8.45 of the committee report, with regard to the highways impact further information has been provided regarding staff shift pattern forecast vehicular trips. The operational staff shift patterns mean that the vehicular movements associated with travel to and from work will occur outside of the network peaks. The additional 4 trips at the start and end of each of these shifts are therefore considered to have a negligible impact on the highway network. Similarly, the 3 additional non-operational staff members spread over their two shift patterns more aligned with the normal working day would also be considered to have a negligible impact. Therefore, in terms of the current application, the highways impact is acceptable.
4. Further to paragraph 8.46 of the committee report, a revised Travel Plan has been submitted, which includes working with other prisons in the cluster to promote reduced car travel. KCC Highways advise that further details are required by condition. This will require an additional condition (no. 33) as follows;

“The development shall not be brought into use until a Travel Plan, to reduce dependency on the private car, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Travel Plan shall include objectives and modal-split targets, a programme of implementation and provision for monitoring, review and improvement. Thereafter, the Travel Plan shall be put into action and adhered to throughout the life of the development, or that of the Travel Plan itself, whichever is the shorter.

Reason: To reduce dependency on the private car”

5. Further to paragraphs 8.50 – 8.53 of the committee report, regarding the Parish Councils request for traffic calming measures on Church Road. KCC Highways have advised that the scale of the current development, and negligible traffic impact from 13 additional staff would not warrant any mitigation. Furthermore they note that is not considered that there is any evidence from the latest crash records to indicate that there is an existing problem that requires attention. Consequently, no off-site highway works will be sought from this development proposal.
6. With regard to the requested conditions, these have been covered in the existing conditions list as follows: condition 3 - construction management plan; condition 19 - provision of electric charging points and condition 32 - provision and retention of vehicle parking spaces. The Travel Plan details will be sought via additional condition 33 as worded above.

7. There was a query regarding whether prison accommodation would count towards the housing land supply. To clarify, prison accommodation (falling within use class C2a Secure Residential Institutions) are not included in the housing land supply as residence is time limited and not permanent.

8. The recommendation at section 10 of item 2.13 should be amended to read;

“GRANT – Subject to the conditions set out in the committee report, and additional condition (33) as set out in the tabled update and with authority to amend conditions as may reasonably be required”

9. Recommendation: planning permission to be granted subject to the conditions set out in the committee report, and additional condition (33) as set out in the tabled update and with authority to amend conditions as may reasonably be required.