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Appendix 3
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Extract from Herts Highways comment on Stevenage Borough Council
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CONCLUSION

The estimated trip generation assessed within the Transport Assessment concludes that considering the scale of the development, the report demonstrated that the cumulative impact of traffic from the development and adjacent development located in the North Herts District Council land does not result in a severe impact on the local highway network.

The TA submitted by the Developer have been considered and concluded that impact from the development has been considered not to constitute a 'severe' increase in traffic.

The new junction and internal road layout proposals provided to serve the new development would be subject to a s278 agreement with the highway authority and would be technically reviewed and subject to a further Road Safety Audits, these reviews are undertaken to ensure that highways are provided to a high technical standard which would include the vehicle to vehicle inter-visibility requirements would be implemented prior to public use.

The limitations of passenger transport accessibility to the development was assessed by the Transport Access and Road Safety (TARS) Team at HCC and was considered due to the scale of development and sustainable contributions by the developer would provide a viable bus service. The development is considered to be in accordance with both the National and Local Transport Plan policies.

The Transport Assessment reports that there will be a noticeable increase in queuing and delay at the Graveley Road/ North Road junction as a result of the Proposed Development.

Mitigation proposals for this junction are described below.

On the basis of this, the following mitigation measures are identified (also referred in TA Section 7.3.10):

- (i) Retiming of signals at junction 8
- (ii) Retiming of signals at Sainsburys access
- (iv) Retiming of signals at Fairlands / St Georges Way
- (v) Retiming of signals at Gunnels Wood Road / Martins Way
- (vi) Upgrade of Graveley Road / North Road junction to a signalised T junction.

The modelling work was rerun with these measures and the results indicated a general improvement in network conditions and reduced journey times across Stevenage and a reduction in queues on the A1(M) NB off slip and at the Graveley Road / North Road junction.

The queues on the Graveley Road approach to A1(M) junction 8 however remained. ***The modelling work did not look at the impact on Graveley and no mitigation measures have been identified here but would be addressed when the North Herts District Council area is developed. (my emphasis).***

The effect on traffic travelling along North Road will be slightly noticeable in the AM peak travelling period and imperceptible at other times of the day.

Therefore, the Highway Authority's formal recommendation is to grant approval subject to the recommended planning conditions and s106 Agreement (addressing Public Transport service enhancements, bus facility improvements and Travel Planning).

The applicant will also need to enter into s278 & s38 Agreements with the Highway Authority which comprises of the design, construction, implementation and adoption of highway works within the existing public highway and adoptable highway works on land within the applicant's control.

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