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For attention of Mr Huckfield

Dear Sirs

**Re: F/24/98415 At UNIT F1, MANATON WAY, HEDGE END,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2XW**

Proposed construction of single storey building to provide a coffee shop within part of existing car park area, together with associated rearrangement of car park access and layout and landscape planting.

In regard to application F/24/98415, having reviewed the information contained within the application pack, there would be no objection in principle to the proposals. However, prior to a formal recommendation being issued, it would be requested that additional and updated information is supplied as outlined below.

ACCESS:

It is proposed that access in and out of the site continues to be via two vehicle crossovers, one to the northern end of the existing car park area, and one to the south. The southern vehicle crossover is however relocated from its present position, being moved northwards to facilitate the new site and parking space layout.

Onwards, it is proposed that the car parking area will essentially become a one-way circulatory route with access from the southern crossover and exit via the northern crossover.

Whilst these proposals are acceptable, it should be noted by the applicant that even though Hamilton Way is not adopted highway, there would be a requirement for the existing southern crossover to be re-instated to full height

kerbs and footway, with the new southern vehicle crossover being provided prior to the development commencing, in order to fully retain access to the car park for the existing Wickes customers.

Appropriate signage highlighting access and egress points only will also be required, again needing to be in place prior to the start of works.

PARKING:

Within the associated Transport Statement (TS), parking is discussed, outlining how parking surveys undertaken on various days showed a peak utilisation of 31 parking spaces associated with the existing users of the site. Given the overall capacity of 74 spaces being available should the proposed development proceed, this would mean that 43 spaces would be available for the use of the proposed Coffee Shop.

Whilst it is for EBC to assess whether this provision is suitable, and in line with the EBC Parking Standards, it appears reasonable, particularly give the projections of 13 vehicle maximum at any one time, as highlighted in the Parking Accumulation Assessment table within the TS.

TRIP GENERATION:

Given that there is an existing coffee facility on site which will be replaced, along with the various other coffee purchasing options within a short distance of the site, it is not anticipated that any significant trip generation will occur as a result of the proposals. Trips will largely be pass-by, existing, or diverted trips from another local coffee destination.

SERVICING:

Servicing is outlined to take place on site, with 3 parking spaces needing to be closed off whilst the delivery vehicle is on site. Onwards a commitment is made for a Delivery Management Plan to be provided prior to opening, which will outline how deliveries will be managed.

Whilst this is acceptable in principle, it is noted that the vehicle tracking for both delivery vehicles and refuse vehicles on site, that in addition to the 3 parking spaces outlined for closure, it is likely that a further 3 outside the retail unit will be inaccessible, and that a further 2 spaces are partially driven across.

As such, it would be requested that the tracking exercise is revisited, with adjustments made if necessary to:

- A) Affect less parking spaces; and
- B) Show how parking spaces can be parked in by vehicles even with refuse / delivery vehicles in place.

If this work can be undertaken, then a re-assessment can be completed outlining how a delivery / refuse vehicle wont need to reverse onto Hamilton

Way, should a parked vehicle be in position blocking the delivery / refuse vehicle movement.

The results of this should also inform the Delivery Management Plan.

If the Case Officer is minded to permit the application despite the above concerns, it would be requested that the following conditions are put in place.

CONDITIONS:

ACCESS CONSTRUCTION PROVISION

No development shall start on site until the proposed southern access onto Hamilton Way, including the footway and/or verge crossing shall be constructed in accordance with the approved plans.

Reason - To provide satisfactory access and in the interests of highway safety.

CLOSURE OF EXISTING ACCESS PROVISION

Before use of the development is commenced the existing southern access from the site to Hamilton Way shall be permanently stopped up and effectively closed with the footway provided or verge reinstated, in accordance with details which have been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason - In the interests of highway safety.

CONSTRUCTION METHOD STATEMENT REQUIRED

No development shall start on site until a construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, which shall include:

- (a) A programme of and phasing of demolition (if any) and construction work;
- (b) The provision of long term facilities for contractor parking;
- (c) The arrangements for deliveries associated with all construction works;
- (d) Methods and phasing of construction works;
- (e) Access and egress for plant and machinery;
- (f) Protection of pedestrian routes during construction;
- (g) Location of temporary site buildings, compounds, construction material, and plant storage areas;
- (h) Details of the methodology for ensuring dirt is not transferred onto the highway from the site (i.e. wheel washers), and onwards mitigation should this fail, such as the employment of mechanical road sweepers, and the subsequent refresh of street lining (as and when required) should this be damaged during the process.

Demolition and construction work shall only take place in accordance with the approved method statement.

Reason - In order that the Planning Authority can properly consider the effect of the works on the amenity of the locality.

DELIVERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

No development shall start on site until a Delivery Management Plan has been submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the Highway Authority.

This plans must outline elements of on-site management, inclusive of how the vehicle parking spaces will be managed when deliveries are due, in order to ensure that (a) deliveries take place on-site and (b) unobstructed movement of customer vehicles through the site can be retained at such times.

Details on how this plan will be reviewed on a periodic basis and updated as necessary should also be provided.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

Yours faithfully,

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