

Application no: R3.0138/21

Location: A linear site comprising a corridor between the A34 Milton Interchange and the B4015 north of Clifton Hampden including part of the A4130 east of the A34 Milton Interchange, land between Didcot and the former Didcot A Power Station and the Great Western Mainline, land to the north of Didcot where it crosses a private railway sidings and the River Thames to the west of Appleford-on-Thames before joining the A415 west of Culham Station, land to the south of Culham Science Centre through to a connection with the B4015 north of Clifton Hampden.

Transport Development Control

Recommendation:

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), as the Local Highway Authority are recommending a holding objection to this planning application, until further technical information has been received and can be reviewed, prior to providing our final comments.

OCC Highways do not object to the principle of the HIF1 Scheme, which is supported by local, regional and national policy.

Once the further information detailed below has been received, our position will be reviewed with a view to recommending the application for approval.

Comments:

1. Policy

1.1. The application is seeking full planning permission for the dualling of the A4130 carriageway (A4130 Widening) from the Milton Gate Junction eastwards; a road bridge over the Great Western Mainline (Didcot Science Bridge); realignment of the A4130 north east of the proposed road bridge; construction of a new road between Didcot and Culham (Didcot to Culham River Crossing) including a road bridge over the River Thames; construction of a new road between the B4015 and A415 (Clifton Hampden bypass); and controlled crossings, footways and cycleways, landscaping, lighting, noise barriers and sustainable drainage systems.

1.2. The application is supported by South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC), the Vale of the White Horse District Council (VoWHDC), and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) policies, including:

- VoWHDC Local Plan 2031 (Part 1 and Part 2) (Core Policy 17 and 18)
- SODC Local Plan 2035 (Policies TRANS1b and TRANS3, and the South Oxfordshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan)

- OCC's Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) – Science Vale Area Strategy policy proposals SV 2.6 (Science Bridge and A4130 Widening), SV 2.13 (Clifton Hampden Bypass), and SV 2.16 (Didcot to Culham River Crossing).

1.3 The Transport Assessment (TA) also refers to a range of other policies at the local, regional and national level which further support the application.

2. Further Information Required

2.1. The information outstanding, is required to ensure that the scheme is not only DDA compliant, but that it meets the necessary standards set down in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). Therefore, to undertake a full assessment of the HIF1 Scheme, OCC Highways require the following information to be submitted:

- 2.1.1. Long sections of all schemes, to ensure that they are DDA compliant and where they are not, ensure there are acceptable justifications for any departures from standard.
- 2.1.2. Swept path analysis for a coach measuring 15m in length across the scheme.
- 2.1.3. A revised drawing of the Abingdon Roundabout, shown on GA Plan 14. The three-lane layout on only part of the roundabout, as shown below, will increase the risk of vehicle conflict at the two locations circled red. This must be resolved and/or to clarification is required as to why only 3 lanes have been provided for part of the roundabout



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