General Development Applications

(4d) Application No: CON/2020/0014

Land East Of Middle Bickenhill LaneBetween The A452 Chester Road/A446 Stonebridge Road Intersection And A452 Chester Road/A45 Coventry Road Roundabout Junction,

Consultation on Schedule 17 Submission, for

HS2 Ltd

Introduction

This Schedule 17 application has been submitted to the Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council ("SMBC") and it in turn has invited this Council for comments prior to determination.

Members will recall that in June last year a report was brought to the Board being a consultation from the SMBC in respect of major road engineering and re-alignment works for the area alongside the M42, the A446 and the A452. Additionally, Members received a report in March this year detailing the proposals for the new station. A variation of the plans approved by SMBC in respect of the first consultation above was considered by the Board in October.

This new application is concerned with the consequential alterations of all of the above substantial work on the A452/A446 to the east of the new station and to the junction with the A45 at Stonebridge Island.

The Site

The site therefore is the current line of the A452 from around the Melbick Nursery site to the Stonebridge Island.

The Proposals

In summary these are the widening and re-alignment of the A452 along its length in order to provide greater capacity so as to firstly,

- allow an access into the new station from the A446 just south of Packington Lane; secondly
- ➤ to enable the reconfiguration of the accesses onto the A45 at Stonebridge Island so as to create greater capacity and thirdly
- ➤ to provide a new arrangement of access into and out of the Toby Carvery premises at the Island.

These are illustrated in general terms at Appendix A.

Appendices B and C show the proposed alteration to the Island and the new station access.

Observations

As Members are aware both SMBC and this Council have a limited remit in the determination of these Schedule 17 applications. Given the substantial works already approved to the west of this site and the construction already underway, the principle of these current proposals is acknowledged in order to enable the whole of this development to proceed. As before the biggest concern is to limit the visual impact of these substantial engineering works and thus a similar response is recommended to the SMBC as before

Recommendation

That the Council has no objection in principle subject to it requesting significant landscape mitigation as well as pressing the relevant Highway Authorities to reduce opportunities for traffic to avoid this area by drivers diverting journeys along inappropriate rural roads.





