

Consultee response for application **WP/20/00692/DCC** from **Highways Agency**
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WP/20/00692 – Portland Port

Thank you for providing National Highways (previously known as Highways England) with the opportunity to comment on additional documents submitted in support of the above application. These have been provided in response to a Regulation 25 of the T&CP EIA Regulations 2017 request for further information to complete the required Environmental Statement. Our interest relates to the impact of the development on the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network (SRN), which in this case comprises the A35 and the associated A35/A354 Stadium Roundabout. It is in this context that our comments are made.

The proposals relate to the construction of an energy recovery facility with ancillary buildings and works including administrative facilities, gatehouse and weighbridge, parking and circulation areas, cable routes to ship berths and existing off-site electrical sub-station, with site access through Portland Port from Castletown. We provided a formal recommendation on 24 November 2020, and responded to an earlier Reg 25 consultation on 6 September 2021, and our comments below should be read in conjunction with those previous responses.

The further information provided included an addendum to the Transport Assessment, which considers changes requested by Natural England to committed developments in assessing traffic impacts. Having reviewed the further information provided, we remain satisfied that our advice and recommendation of no objections provided on 24 November 2020 remain appropriate and we have no further comments to make.

Kind regards
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