## Comments

**Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan - Publication Plan Consultation (18/12/19 to 12/02/20)**

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**Representation**

Please use a separate form for each representation.

**Which part of the Publication Plan does your representation relate to?**

Policy DES6

We represent Wacoal Europe Ltd and have been asked to make representation on their behalf.

Wacoal Europe Ltd are a UK based supplier of high quality, fashion conscious lingerie and bra-sized swimwear stocked in over 5,000 retailers including national and independent stores, as well as online, in more than 30 countries. Whilst they have regional offices in London, Paris (France), Lyon (France), Krakow (Poland), New York (USA), Boston (USA), and Melbourne (Australia), Wacoal Europe Ltd.’s global head office and prime distribution facility faces onto Rothwell Road, Desborough.

Wacoal’s Desborough premises comprise their main global distribution facility. Given the number of delivery vehicles that need ready access to their site on a daily basis, Wacoal are conscious of the impact on their business, direct or indirect, of changes to the road network and particularly the use, capacity, operation, signalling or layout of the B575 or any changes thereto. This includes any changes in capacity or use that could increase the likelihood for traffic incidents that could impede or curtail the use of the B576 and specifically servicing access to their premises.

A restricting factor for Wacoal is the fact that larger commercial deliveries can only access their premises from the national road network via a single route through the centre of Desborough. This is the route from the A6, via the B575 Harborough Road and then Rothwell Road.

Respectively Rothwell Road (south of Pioneer Avenue), Braybrooke Road (from its junction with Harborough Road to the edge of the town), Stoke Road, Pipewell Road and Rushton Road (where it passes through Rushton) are all weighted restricted routes (to 7.5 tonnes). Consequently, whilst these...
restrictions remain, vehicles exceeding 7.5 tonnes seeking to access Desborough may do so only via Harborough Road and Brampton Wood Road (the latter being a somewhat narrower road compared to Harborough Road). So a closure of Harborough Road has the potential to create problems with deliveries not just for Wacoal but for businesses generally within Desborough.

Whilst Wacoal would support the designation of this site for employment, they believe that the access arrangements for the site need to be carefully considered to minimise, so far as is possible, the risks of any traffic incidents particularly given that the weight restrictions elsewhere increase the possibility that any collision on Harborough Road could involve a larger vehicle.

Consequently Wacoal believe that, in designating this site for employment, a condition should be placed upon developers such that they will be required to place a median barrier on the centre line of the carriageway to prevent any right turns into or out of the development from the B576. Vehicle should instead have to effect left turns to enter or exist the site, using the traffic islands to the east and west to change direction.

Tests of Soundness

Do you consider the Local Plan is sound in terms of being:

Justified . Yes
Effective . Yes
Positively prepared . Yes
Consistent with National Policy . Yes
Legal and Procedural requirements

Do you consider the Local Plan has been prepared in line with legal procedural requirements? Yes

Duty to Cooperate

Do you consider the Local Plan to be compliant with the Duty to Cooperate? Yes

Attendance at the examinations hearings

If you are seeking to change the Plan, would you like to attend the examination hearings? No

Notifications

Do you wish to be notified? . When the Plan is submitted for independent examination?
. When the Inspector's Report is published?
. When the document is adopted?