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This mini guide from Dynamic Transport Planning looks at the importance of engaging with highway departments

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SECTION 1:

WHY IS

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WHY IS ENGAGEMENT IMPORTANT?

WRITTEN IN GUIDANCE

The NPPF guidance provided for planning applications actively encourages applicants to engage with highways before submitting your planning application

GET THE OFFICER ON SIDE

Engaging with the highways officer first gives you a chance to explain your development and get their thoughts on it at an early stage.

Some relish this opportunity to shape their community

AVOID NASTY SURPRISES

Especially true in the case of Highways England, the recipients do not like to be surprised by a development coming forward with only the set time frame to reply or make a decision

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HOW TO ENGAGE WITH HIGHWAYS

FORMAL PRE-APP

Many councils provide an opportunity to engage at pre-app stage. This can be paid or for free but they will set out the level and scope of assessment they would like to see

INFORMALLY

Where no formal pre-app is offered an informal approach can be made. It is encourage to provide a scoping document to set out your development and your approach to planning

REFUSAL TO ENGAGE

Unfortunately some highway departments just don't have the capacity to provide feedback on sites before they are required to as part of the application process

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BEFORE PLANNING SUBMISSION

Pre-app can be requested from most authorities and Highways England before you make a submission, however the level of detail provided can vary

DURING APPLICATION PROCESS

Having an open dialogue with Highways throughout the application process can allow for any objections to be overcome before they are made formal

TO PROVIDE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Engagement can set a positive approach when an application needs to be put in front of a wider audience for their feedback and comments

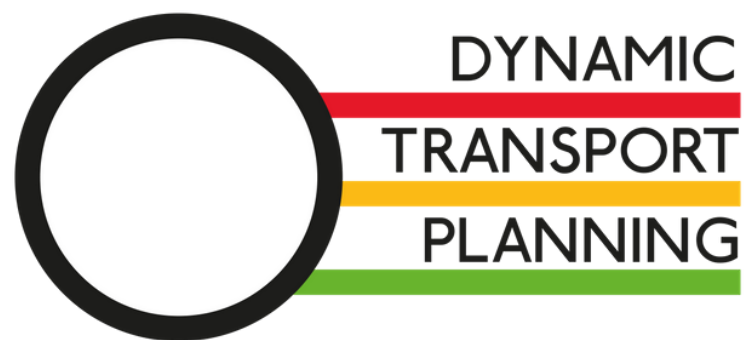
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READY TO START?

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If you are ready to make your development accessible, safe and fit for the future, get in touch to get your transport planning process started



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