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Good morning,

The Town Council's Planning Committee met on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and submits the following responses to planning applications:

**Application No 37/24/00099/EF, Address: Land at Junction 24, North Petherton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6**

Committee discussion included:

- This is a large application and Town Councillors are not qualified, nor have the necessary knowledge and experience to make recommendations on the detailed aspects of the application
- The original application included provision for warehousing
- The application, if agreed, will provide improved facilities
- It is amazing that National Highways have responded that they don't need to be consulted when they are responsible for all highways matters pertaining to the M5
- The possibility of HGVs using Moorland / Fordgate instead of going down to J25 to get to the southern part of the county e.g. to Yeovil
- The possibility of weight restrictions for vehicles using Marsh Lane
- Any names / signs need to reflect that the application is in North Petherton not Bridgwater e.g. North Petherton Welcome Break services
- The traffic impact of future large residential developments between West Monkton and Walford Cross

**RESOLVED** to support subject to the following comments being taken into consideration by the planning authority:

- A full traffic movement assessment should be undertaken

- The introduction and implementation of a weight restriction for vehicles using Marsh Lane and Huntworth Lane during normal traffic situations should be considered
- Dedicated traffic management lanes should be considered for vehicles entering and leaving the proposed services; there should be a right turn only for HGVs exiting the service station)
- The potential for complaints about noise from nearby dwellings, especially with regard to the possibility of refrigerated lorries parking overnight, needs to be considered and the appropriate mitigations should be part of any planning conditions

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