

Bedford Borough Council submission Deadline 7 Thursday 6 January 2022

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Sections 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements

Request for further information: Responses re Mr and Mrs Chamberlain are provided by Melanie MacLeod, Manager for Transport Policy. Responses on Mr Baron are provided by Kelly Hawley, Team Leader – Rehousing and Lettings

Mr and Mrs Chamberlain

R17.1.1.

Engagement with the Borough Council has been limited to the Manager for Transport Policy and the Mayor's Office. There has been no reported contact with housing services. Please see additional sheet for a record of contact between Bedford Borough Council, National Highways and Mr and Mrs Chamberlain.

R17.1.2.

1. Bedford Borough Council has no recorded knowledge of any protected characteristics.
2. No information on file
3. Yes – loss of accommodation and business

R17.2.1. Local Authority's Public Sector Equality Duty

Kelly Hawley acting on behalf of Bedford Borough Council has had direct contact with RB on the phone.

Mr Baron

R17.2.2. Evidence and corroboration to support the Applicant's case

Council records indicate assistance from National Highways in seeking contacts for RB with housing help services.

R17.2.3. Reasonable adjustments

RB was assisted by Borough Council Employees with submitting an online application to join the housing register on 1st February 2021.

██████████, as part of the application process was submitted on the 8th February 2021 by RB.

Further documentation was requested by the Housing Team on the 8th February and subsequent further ██████████ was requested on the 26th February 2021 and received.

RB was made "live" on the Housing Register on the 8th March 2021 and was awarded ██████████ to reflect that he was ██████████.

R17.2.4. Protected characteristics

A telephone conversation was held with RB on 29/11/21 to discuss his Housing Register application and whether there has been a change in circumstances since RB submitted his original ██████████

██████████ in February 2021. RB confirmed that his ██████████ and as such, his desired “property type” was discussed. RB confirmed that he would prefer ██████████. RB also placed emphasis on ██████████. RB is actively bidding in the areas of preference. These bids have to date been unsuccessful due to the banding award.

However, RB’s banding was increased on 1/12/21 which will increase his chances significantly in accessing a suitable property in his preference areas.

A further telephone call was made to RB to confirm the priority increase and encourage further bidding. Specific identified protected characteristics will need to be provided by RB due to confidentiality

R17.2.5. Children under the age of 18

None known at the address

R17.2.6. Relocation and other relevant processes

The Council confirms from records direct contact with RB regarding finding a suitable property. As advised in Hearings timescale depends on availability of suitable properties and bidding success. An anticipate timescale indicated is 3 months. With the increased priority awarded to RB this should be quicker.

R17.2.7. Other scenarios

Should RB not be rehoused before works commence / ██████████. Due to his ██████████. Given the circumstances, it is unlikely that RB would be ██████████ and as such, BBC would be likely to owe a ██████████. However, with the current priority that RB has now been awarded, it is unlikely to ever get to this point.

R17.2.9. Reasonable alternatives to Compulsory Acquisition

No identified alternatives.