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**Land adjacent Woodgate Nurseries
(Lidsey Road, Woodgate)**

**Travel Plan
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This Travel Plan has been prepared by Highgate Transportation in order to support the planning application for up to 95 residential dwellings on land adjacent Woodgate Nurseries, Lidsey Road, Woodgate. The planning application is in outline but with access one of the matters for determination.
- 1.2 The core purpose of this Travel Plan is to promote sustainable travel and reduce private car trips, particularly single occupancy vehicle trips to and from the development and this document sets out the travel plan measures which will be provided.
- 1.3 **Table 1.1** sets out the details of the proposed development.

Table 1.1 - Details of the proposed development

Name of Development	Land adjacent to Woodgate Nurseries (Lidsey Road, Woodgate)
Development Address	Land adjacent Woodgate Nurseries, Lidsey Road, Woodgate, Chichester, PO20 3SU
Use Class	C3
Brief Description of Development	The development proposals are for the construction of 95 dwellings (houses and flats) served by a ghost island right turn access with Lidsey Road which will accommodate movements by all modes including foot and cycle. A secondary pedestrian access will be provided in the northeastern corner of the site.
Site Location Map	Figure 2.1 provides the context of the application site.
Travel Plan Co-ordinator	The contact details of the Travel Plan Co-ordinator are contained in Section 6.0 .

- 1.4 The Architect's illustrative site layout (ref: DLA.2052.L16.S08 dated 19.08.2021) is contained in **Appendix 1** and an extract is shown at **Figure 1.1**.

Figure 1.1– Architect's illustrative site layout



1.5 This Travel Plan contains:

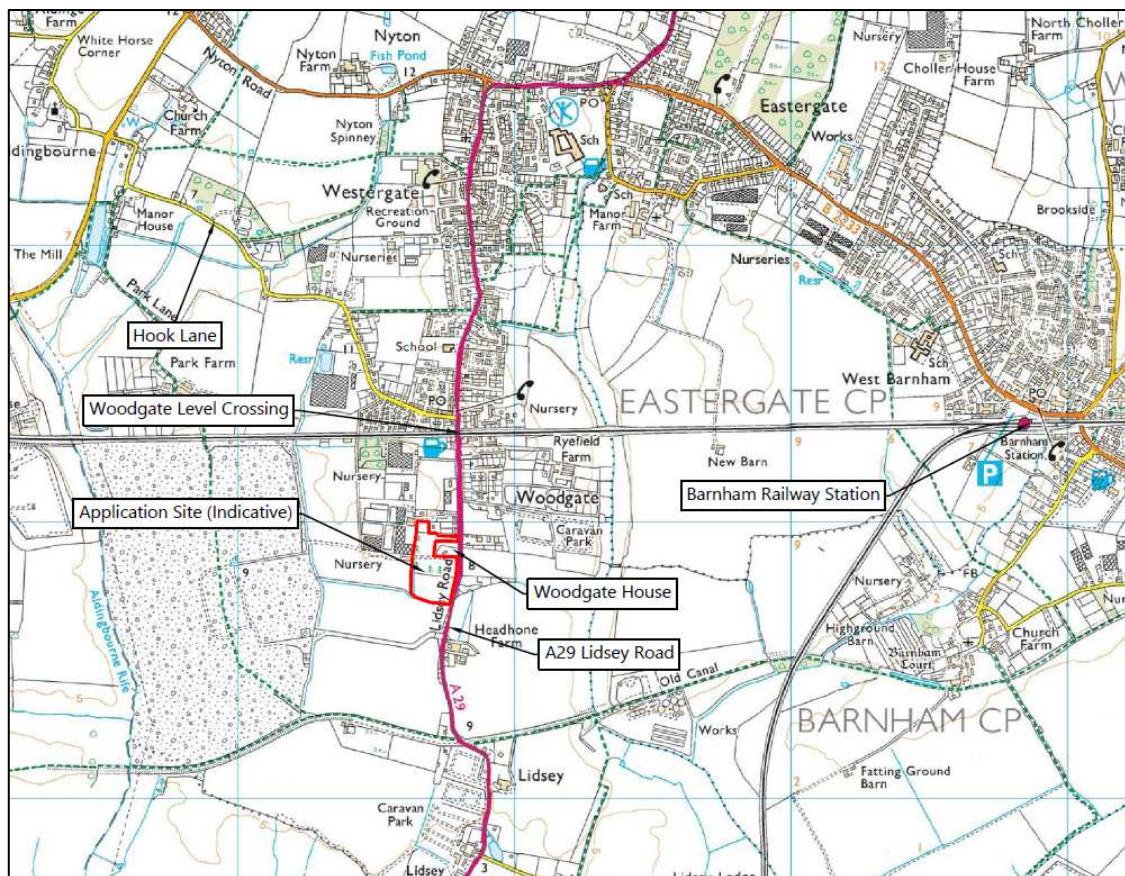
- i. A description of the existing travel conditions within and in the vicinity of the proposed development.
- ii. The aims, objectives and outcomes expected from the Travel Plan.
- iii. The basis for the Action Plan.
- iv. A description of the full range of measures and initiatives proposed to meet the sustainable travel objectives.

2.0 Existing Situation

Existing Site and Local Area

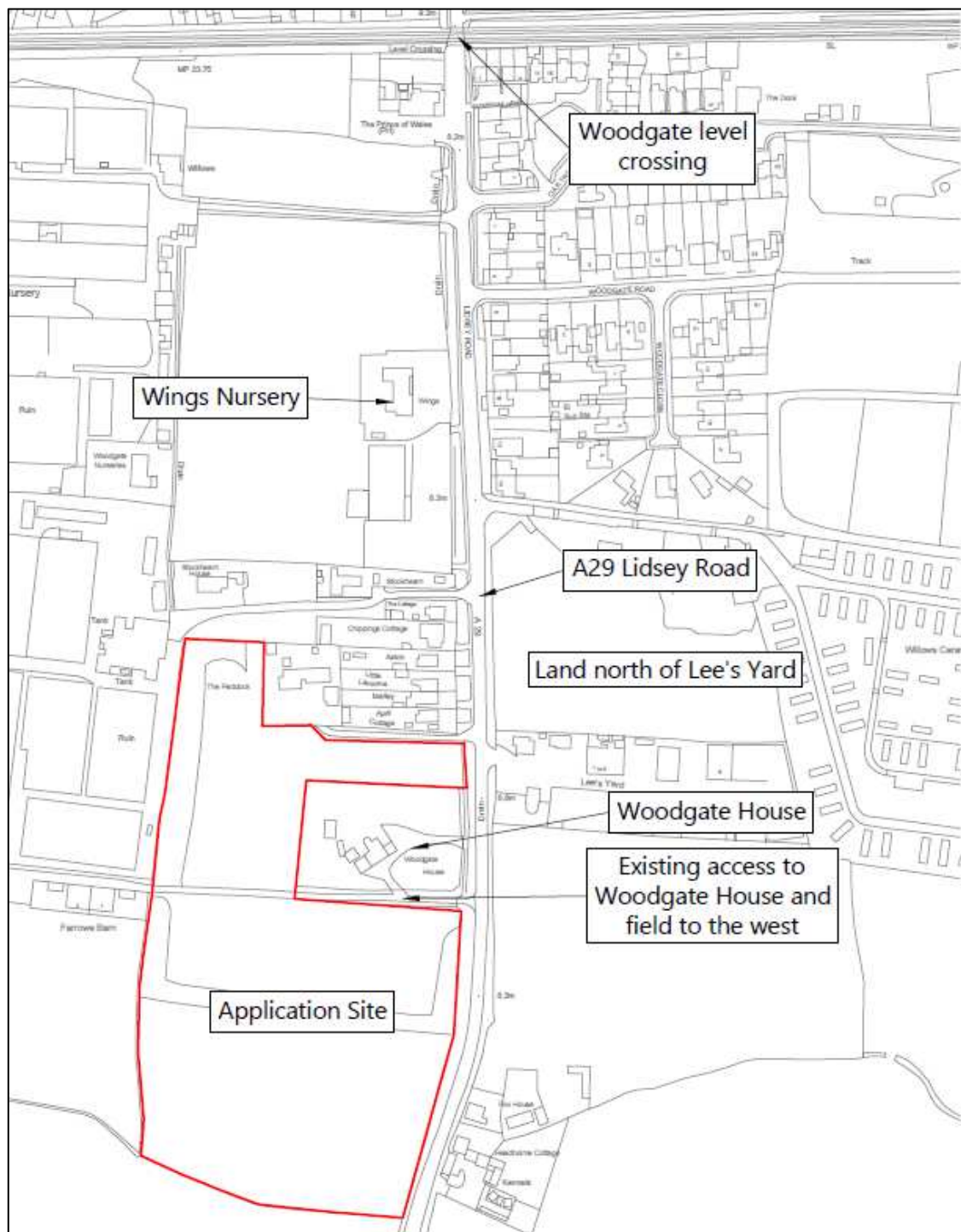
- 2.1 The application site is located around 450 metres to the south of the Woodgate level crossing and is bound by the A29 Lidsey Road to the east. The A29 is subject to a 50mph speed restriction which reduces to 30mph approximately 120 metres to the north of the proposed site access.
- 2.2 The A29 connects Bognor Regis to the south with Fontwell to the north where it joins the A27(T). The application site and surrounding area is shown at **Figure 2.1**.

Figure 2.1 – Application site and surrounding area



2.3 The existing site and immediate area are illustrated at **Figure 2.2**.

Figure 2.2 – Existing site and immediate area



2.4 As shown in **Figure 2.2**, the site wraps around Woodgate House which is served by a private access lane which is shared with the field to the west of the site.

3.0 Site Accessibility and Existing Travel Opportunities

- 3.1 Travel behaviour can be affected by the level of infrastructure available to encourage modes of travel other than that of the private car. This section of the Travel Plan provides an overview of the extent of facilities in place for walking and cycling trips, as well as that of public transport.

Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities

- 3.2 The site is situated in Woodgate where various local facilities are located. Additional services are located in the Westergate and Eastergate areas to the north which are contiguous with Woodgate with a continuous footway connection.
- 3.3 A selection of these local facilities along with distance and time from the site are contained in **Table 3.1** assuming a typical walk time of 80 metres per minute, rounded to the nearest whole minute (IHT Guidance document, 'Providing for Journeys on Foot', 2000).

Table 3.1 – Local Services and Facilities

Service/Facility	Distance (from main site access)	Walk Time (minutes)
Prince of Wales public house	450m	6
Aldingbourne Primary School	800m	10
Hirange Supermarket	1.4km	18
Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre	1.6km	20
Esso Petrol Filling Station including store and car wash	1.9km	24
Ormiston Six Villages Academy	2.2km	28
Central Convenience Store with Post Office	2.2km	28
Eastergate CE Primary School	2.5km	31
The Croft Surgery (GP)	2.5km	31
Eastergate Parish Hall	2.5km	31
Chantry House Dental Practice	3.4km	43

- 3.4 There are also various places of worship within easy walk and cycle distance of the site.
- 3.5 Additional services are located in Barnham which can also be reached by a continuous footway including Barnham Railway Station.

Public Transport Facilities

- 3.6 The closest bus stops to the site are located on the A29 Lidsey Road (northbound and southbound) near Willows Caravan Park approximately 310 metres (four minute walk) from the site access.
- 3.7 These bus stops are served by the 66A and 66C bus services which operate between Bognor Regis and Yapton via slightly different routes. There are five services each way Monday-Friday and four services each way on a Saturday with no services on a Sunday.
- 3.8 Barnham railway station is located approximately 4km travel distance to the east which equates to a circa 50 minute walk or a circa 12 minute cycle. The station can also be reached via the 66A and 66C bus services.
- 3.9 Barnham railway station is located on the West Coastway Line between Brighton and Southampton. The station is also the start of the branch line leading to Bognor Regis railway station and is served by regular services to London Victoria via Gatwick Airport, Brighton, Southampton, Portsmouth and Littlehampton. There are additional infrequent direct services to Bristol Temple Meads, Salisbury and Great Malvern.

4.0 Aims, Objectives and Outcomes

- 4.1 The core aim of the Travel Plan will be to reduce trips to and from the site by cars through increased use of walking, cycling and public transport.
- 4.2 The objective of the Travel Plan is to achieve the following outcomes:
- i. Minimise single occupancy car travel to and from the development.
 - ii. Identify which measures are needed to maximise the use of non-car travel.
 - iii. Lead to a change in the travel behaviour of individuals to a sustainable mode of travel and then to maintain that change.
 - iv. Identify ways of reducing the need to travel to and from the development.
- 4.3 These aims, objectives and outcomes will be achieved by:
- i. Having a development that is in a sustainable and accessible location.
 - ii. Providing high quality, covered and secure on-site cycle parking that is easily accessible for residents.
 - iii. The production and promotion of a Travel Information Pack to be provided on first occupation of each unit.
- 4.4 The Travel Information Pack will include details of:
- i. Local pedestrian and cycle routes.
 - ii. The health benefits of walking and cycling.
 - iii. The location of local bus stops, bus transport routes and frequency of service.
 - iv. The location of local train stations and the destinations they serve.
 - v. How to car share.
- 4.5 There will be a Management Company which will be set up by the developer. One of the responsibilities of the Management Company will be the management of the Travel Plan and this will include the appointment of the Travel Plan Coordinator (TPC).
- 4.6 The TPC will have responsibility for the implementation and on-going work associated with the Travel Plan for the five-year lifespan of the plan and this will include the distribution of the Travel Information Packs.

5.0 Measures and Initiatives

- 5.1 This Travel Plan sets out the measures and initiatives put in place in order to meet the aims, objectives and outcomes detailed in **Section 4.0**. These measures and initiatives are contained in **Table 5.1**.

Table 5.1 – Measures and initiatives

Promotion and marketing	Travel Information Pack to be provided to residents on first occupation. Future residents will also be able to request a copy of the Travel Information Pack should properties change ownership during the life of the Travel Plan.
Car Travel	As well as including information on how to car share within the Travel Information Pack, all measures are aimed at reducing private car trips, particularly single occupancy vehicle travel.
Public Transport	Travel Information Pack to include information on: • The location of local bus stops, bus transport routes and frequency of service • Timetable information to be provided on notice board(s) in communal areas (where available) and updated regularly
Cycling	Travel Information Pack will include information on local cycle routes and the health benefits of cycling.
Walking	Travel Information Pack to include information on local pedestrian routes and the health benefits of walking.

- 5.2 The measures and initiatives set out in **Table 5.1** will be implemented as set out in the action plan contained in **Table 5.2**.

Table 5.2 – Action plan

Transport Mode	Measure	Task	When	By
All	TPC	Appoint a TPC	Prior to first occupation	Developer
All	Resources	Ensure the TPC has the funding and time allocated to carry out their duties. This will vary week to week throughout the year as needs arise, but it is expected to typically be around half a day per week with emails and phone calls occurring as and when required throughout the week. Undertaking of additional training will be explored.	Ongoing	Management Company
All	Noticeboard	Post travel related information on to noticeboards in communal areas (where available)	On first occupation/ ongoing	TPC
All	Travel Information Pack	Prepare and disseminate Travel Information Packs to each household containing information on walking and cycling routes, public transport services, concessionary fares, etc.	Prior to/ on first occupation	TPC
All	National and local campaigns	Promote and encourage residents' participation in national and local events	Ongoing	TPC
All	Local retailers	Publicise and promote local retailers (e.g. supermarkets) that provide home deliveries	On first occupation	TPC
Cycle	Cycle parking	Ensure that cycle parking in accordance with the planning permission is provided on site	Prior to first occupation	Developer
Cycle	Cycle training	Encourage residents to sign up to cycle training and cycle maintenance training	On first occupation/ ongoing	TPC
Car	Taxi/minicab	Publicise and promote local taxi/minicab firms as enabling necessary car access without the burden of car ownership	On first occupation	TPC

5.3 As part of this Action Plan the developer agrees to:

- i. Implement in full the measures set out in **Table 5.1** and **Table 5.2**.
- ii. Inform all residents of the aims of the Travel Plan.
- iii. Encourage residents to switch their travel to a more sustainable mode.
- iv. To provide the contact details of the TPC to the Council's Travel Plan.

6.0 Travel Plan Co-ordinator

- 6.1 The management company will ensure that the TPC is in place for the life of the Travel Plan (being appointed prior to first occupation) and that the TPC will deliver a range of measures based on the agreed Travel Plan.
- 6.2 The TPC contact details are to be provided to the Council as soon as possible prior to first occupation. The details required are as follows:
- i. Name
 - ii. Position
 - iii. Telephone contact details
 - iv. Email contact details
 - v. Contact Address
- 6.3 The Council will always be notified of any future changes to the TPC personnel.

Appendix 1

Architect's Proposed Site Layout



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