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## Active Travel England Planning Response Detailed Response to an Application for Planning Permission

From: Planning & Development Division, Active Travel England

To: Arun District Council

**Application Ref:** F/14/24/RES

**Site Address:** Land at Ford Airfield, Ford

**Description of development:** Approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) following outline consent F/4/20/OUT for the infrastructure reserved matters including the provision of a primary spine road and associated secondary road junctions, pavement, footpaths, cycle infrastructure and bus stops; site wide drainage infrastructure including foul pumping stations, foul sewer infrastructure, SUDS basins, SUDS swales, surface water infrastructure; acoustic fencing; public open space including landscape details, play areas, footpaths & associated works. This application affects a Public Right of Way, may affect the setting of a Listed Building and falls within CIL Zone 1 (Ford strategic site - zero rated).

Notice is hereby given that Active Travel England's formal recommendation is as follows:

**Deferral:** ATE is not currently in a position to support this application and requests further assessment, evidence, revisions and/or dialogue as set out in this response.

### Further comments

Thank you for reconsulting Active Travel England (ATE) on this reserved matters submission.

- The applicant has now confirmed that each stop has shelter, seating, raised kerbs and real time passenger information. This is welcome.
- ATE noted previously that the spine road will connect from Ford Lane to Yapton Road. It was not possible to identify whether filters such as a bus gate have been considered to ensure that

residents are able to access their homes while not making the site a cut-through for motorised traffic. Clarification around this point would be appreciated.

- ATE previously requested information on how it is intended to control speeds on the spine is required and the applicant has referenced the RSA in Appendix A of the Transport Technical note. The RSA includes a number of designers' responses and ATE requires confirmation that the LHA is content with these.
- The applicant has confirmed that carriageway widths, verges and foot/cycleways are based on Arun District Design Guide SPD which has been updated to incorporate LTN 1/20 guidance. The applicant has also confirmed that cycle crossings will be designed in accordance with LTN 1/20.

ATE requests that the local planning authority shares this response with the applicant's agent and local highway authority. ATE would be happy to revise its comments following clarification being provided on the above points.

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