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Your Ref: F/16/24/RES

Our Ref: ATE/24/01155/RM

Date: 15 October 2024

## 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/16/24/RES

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

**Description of development:** Approval of reserved matters following outline permission F/4/20/OUT for phase reserved matters 4 (south), for the erection of 357 No. residential dwellings plus associated roads, infrastructure, parking, landscaping, open space & play areas and 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:

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**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.

### Key issues

Thank you for consulting Active Travel England (ATE) on this reserved matters submission. ATE would like to make the following comments which it requires clarification around before it is able to support this RM application.

- The Design and Access statement (DAS) suggests that the proposed movement framework adheres to the principles of the Design Code. ATE did not comment on the Design Code, and therefore was not able to comment on factors such as situations where shared use paths are considered acceptable. Notwithstanding this, given the Design Code has been approved as part of a separate condition discharge, ATE does not object to this element. For future reference it should be noted that both LTN 1/20 and Inclusive Mobility advise against the use of shared routes for pedestrians and cyclists to reduce the potential for collisions or conflict.

- The DAS makes reference to the National Design Guide (NDG) and states that the design code echoes the principles of the NDG. This is welcome, though as above it is also expected that the Design Code will adhere to the requirements of LTN 1/20.
- It is noted that the DAS states that there are two vehicular accesses which create a through route. Through routes within sites are generally not encouraged for motorised traffic and the drawings provided indicating potential access points would appear to be poor quality scans, which did not make it possible to fully assess them in order to ascertain whether these routes are likely to be used as a cut through
- The Planning Statement sets out that 'a series of tarmac and hoggin type pedestrian and cycle paths are proposed'. Please note that unsealed paths such as hoggin will not be supported as they are not considered to be fully accessible in particular for wheelchair users according to both LTN 1/20 and Inclusive Mobility. The upgrade of PROW 363 and the surface of this should comply with the requirements of LTN 1/20 and Inclusive Mobility.

**Conclusion** 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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**Proposal:** Approval of reserved matters following outline permission F/4/20/OUT for phase reserved matters 4 (south), for the erection of 357 No. residential dwellings plus associated roads, infrastructure, parking, landscaping, open space & play areas and 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).

**ATE Case Officer:** Laura Hutson



Thank you for your email

Active Travel England, after reviewing the submitted proposals and their potential impact has provided a detailed response containing specific recommendations. Please find attached the following:

- Detailed response

*ATE would like to be notified of the outcome of the application through the receipt of a copy of the decision notice, in addition to being notified of committee dates for this application.*

Kind regards



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