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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/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:

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

- ATE previously 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. This does not appear to have been addressed.
- ATE previously noted that the Planning Statement sets out that 'a series of tarmac and hoggin type pedestrian and cycle paths are proposed'. This issue would appear to have been partially addressed, with a commitment to tarmac being used on key routes. It is noted that there is still the intention to use hoggin throughout the site. 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. Even short sections of unsealed path could present a potential barrier to some users.

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