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

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**ATE Case Officer:** Laura Hutson

**ATE Case Officer Email:** [REDACTED]

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 Recommendations

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

From: Planning & Development Division, Active Travel England

To: Arun District Council

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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 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. The latest submitted DAS would appear to clarify that Phase 4 does not appear to create a through route for motorised traffic while remaining permeable to cyclists and pedestrians. This is welcome. The commitment to ensuring that active travel routes are designed in such a way that they are overlooked is also welcome as this will provide an increased sense of safety and encourage their use.
- ATE initially noted that the Planning Statement sets out that 'a series of tarmac and hoggin type pedestrian and cycle paths are proposed'. Previously this would appear to have been partially addressed, with a commitment to tarmac being used on key routes. It is unclear whether 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.