

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

District: Cherwell

Application no: 23/00170/REM

Proposal: Reserved Matters Application pursuant to outline planning permission 14/02121/OUT for Phase 1A (infrastructure comprising two junctions to provide vehicular and pedestrian access into the site from Middleton Stoney Road and two initial sections of internal road) along with the partial compliance of conditions 12 (Building for Life 12), 16 (means of vehicular access), 17 (means of pedestrian/cycle links) and 19 (detailed surface water drainage scheme) for Phase 1A.

Location: Proposed Himley Village North West Bicester, Middleton Stoney Road, Bicester

Response Date: 06/12/2023

This report sets out the officer views of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on the above proposal. These are set out by individual service area/technical discipline and include details of any planning conditions or Informatives that should be attached in the event that permission is granted and any obligations to be secured by way of a S106 agreement. Where considered appropriate, an overarching strategic commentary is also included. If the local County Council member has provided comments on the application these are provided as a separate attachment.

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Transport Schedule

Recommendation:

No objection.

Comments:

Introduction

This is a Reserved Matters application for Access only, dealing with the two bellmouth junctions providing routes into the site from Middleton Stoney Road.

It is identical to 23/00214/REM, for which a separate response will be sent.

Access arrangements

Spine Road junction

The red line area has been amended (on drg. 0001 Rev. P02) to incorporate a revised footway arrangement to the two bus stops. This tallies with the adjusted footway and cycle lane provision, as separately agreed, along the Spine Road, as shown on Rev. P03 of the Pedestrian & Cycle Link (Permanent) GA drg. no. 0006.

Details of the access will be finalised during the technical approval process of the Section 278 application.

Secondary Road junction

The red line area is similar to that shown on the previous revision. Pedestrian and cycle facilities, as agreed, outside of the area have been added for clarity.

The previous reason for objection, that the 5.5m width of the secondary road is too narrow for a bus service, has been addressed in separate correspondence. Adequate public transport provision will be achieved for an interim period from the service on Middleton Stoney Road prior to buses entering the site via the primary access road and the adjoining Axis J9 development. Therefore, buses will not route via the secondary road, and the 5.5m width is acceptable.

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Date: 6 December 2023