

Application no: 23/02967/DISC

Location: Begbroke Science Park, Begbroke Hill, Begbroke, Kidlington, OX5 1PF

Transport Development Control

Recommendation:

Condition 11 - Objection

Condition 12 - No objection

Condition 13 - No comment

Detailed Comments:

Condition 11

Please see comments from OCC Travel Plan team below:

Please find below comments from the Travel Plans Team regarding the Travel Plan for the Begbroke Science Park.

Although a large amount of infrastructure-based information has been included within the document, there is not a lot of detail about the staff and students using the site. As this site has an existing community, I would expect any travel plan produced to contain information about where staff are travelling from, how they are travelling and qualitative information elaborating as to why they are travelling this way. I would also expect that any issues or suggestions should be highlighted at this point too.

This is important to inform the travel plan and to make sure that identified actions and targets are robust and relevant to the community that the travel plan has been produced for. There is reference to a biannual survey for the University of Oxford as a whole, however as this site is expanding, we would request that a site-specific interim survey take place.

Reducing the need to travel, as top of the sustainable travel hierarchy has not been discussed. How does the site facilitate reducing the need to travel and reducing the number of trips from and to the site during the day. For example, what facilities are available on site? Could the TPC arrange for services such as mechanics etc to visit the site to reduce the need to leave the site during the day.

What are to be the normal working patterns of staff. Will the site operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week?

Deliveries have not been discussed.

There is reference within the action plan to 'meetings with Occupant TPC's' but there is no mention of this within the actual document – how does this work?

I was disappointed when viewing the 'Getting here' pages on the website to find that 'By road' was the first option, with public transport and the minibus service further down the list. Is there an opportunity that this could be re-ordered. Also, the site map does not contain information about the cycle parking locations.

Please could a copy of the newsletter referred to in the action plan be included within the appendix.

Monitoring data will be required for a period of five years post occupation of the new buildings. If targets are not met within the five years, monitoring will be required to continue in years 7 and 9.

Further information regarding the required criteria can be found within appendix 5 of the OCC guidance document or by contacting the Travel Plans Team travelplan@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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