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Dear Richard, Joy, Caroline, and Rashid

Bloombridge have uploaded a helpful outline of the planned access for the above development (drawing 46463/5501/001, Revision B). We have some brief comments:

1. We assume that a parallel crossing at the Vendee Drive roundabout is not technically feasible, presumably due to the speed limits and / or visibility necessary, though we have not been provided with the technical report. However, there are positive aspects to the current crossing. In particular the reduction from 3 to 2 lanes on the south side will reduce the distance needed to cross, and will therefore make the crossing safer. The wider splitter island is also now wide enough to accommodate the cycle design vehicle.
2. The provision for a shared pedestrian and cycle path on the south side of Charles Shouler Way is a positive step. However, we query why this is not extended along the length of Charles Shouler Way. In addition, the safety and usability of the shared path would be significantly improved with horizontal separation from the carriageway. DMRB CD195 Table E/3.26 recommends separation of 1m in a 40mph area. Therefore at least 4m should be allowed. While the shared path now diverts away from Charles Shouler Way to direct pedestrians and cyclists towards the crossing and splitter island, this effectively moves away from the desire line for those users intending to use Charles Shouler Way. We suggest that a shared path is retained along the existing path to allow users to travel to Charles Shouler Way by the shortest distance. Finally, there seems to be no provision for cyclists to use the north side of Charles Shouler Way, only pedestrians. We feel this is not in accordance with the letter or spirit of the OCC Cycle Design Standards that require (1) either separate paths for pedestrians and cyclists, or (2) a shared path. Again, we would suggest that horizontal separation is necessary here as well as the retention of the previous shared path for users heading south on the A41 shared path and intending to travel along Charles Shouler Way.
3. We commend the upgrading of the currently obsolete A41 overpass for pedestrians and cyclists. This should discourage anti-social behaviour and provide a route for users of the Phase 1B facilities to access Chesterton and vice versa. However, we doubt that the overpass will become a preferred route for those using the NCR, not least because it requires cycling up a hill in both directions to use it. We maintain that users of the NCR will continue to prefer to use the Wendlebury Road.
4. We remain concerned about the lack of desire to provide any pedestrian or cycling provision along the route of the NCR on Wendlebury Road. At the very least, a shared crossing from the Wendlebury Road south to the existing shared path on the Wendlebury Road north needs to be provided, ideally with a splitter island.
5. We note that a 40 mph limit is to be introduced, but we still feel that a 30mph for what will become a single carriageway urban residential area would be more appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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