

Application no: 23/01038/DISC

Location: Axis J9 Phase 3 Howes Lane Bicester

Transport Development Control

Recommendation:

Objection

Key issues:

The submitted Framework Travel Plan requires a small amount of additional information before I can recommend discharge of condition. Please see below for the additional content required.

Detailed comments:

- What is the estimated date of occupation?
- Further information is required about the onsite facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. For example – will crossing points, dropped kerbs, tactiles be provided? Will there be a designated cycle route throughout the site? Will showers and changing facilities be provided within each unit or within a central hub?
- What facilities are available at the closest bus stop? For example – shelter, lighting, cycle parking, seating etc?
- Table 4 – Please could a year 1 target be added. Targets are required for Baseline, Year 1, 3 and 5.
- How will the development support ‘Reducing the need to travel’? Examples could be - broadband provision to facilitate virtual meetings or visiting services such as food vendors or car/bike mechanics to avoid the need for staff to leave the site during the day.
- Who will act as an interim TPC until the site TPC is appointed? This is useful information for the Travel Plans Team to enable a monitoring related dialogue to be established as soon as possible.
- Will the TPC role be full or part time?
- What budget will be allocated to the role to enable the identified actions to be progressed?
- What development-based barriers are there to the promotion of sustainable, active travel?

- Further site-based actions are required within the action plan if the desired behaviour change is to be achieved – possible examples may be
- Join in with national based initiatives such as ‘Cycle to Work Day’, ‘Travelwise Week’ and ‘Clean Air Day’.
- Include information about sustainable/ active travel facilities for prospective occupiers of units within site-based amenities information.
- Reducing the need to travel based actions mentioned above.
- Cycle maintenance station or equipment to be provided centrally for all employees to access.
- Pool car/ vehicle/ bike for the site

Please contact the Travel Plans Team travelplan@oxfordshire.gov.uk for further help or advice.

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