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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: Suzanne Taylor, Cherwell District Council

Application Ref: 23/01496/DISC

Site Address: PROPOSED HIMLEY VILLAGE NORTH WEST BICESTER, MIDDLETON STONEY ROAD, BICESTER, OX26 1RT

Description of development: Discharge of Condition 8 (Site Wide Masterplan and Design Code) of 14/02121/OUT

Notice is hereby given that Active Travel England's formal recommendation is as follows:

- a. **No Objection:** ATE has undertaken a detailed assessment of this application and is content with the submission.
- b. ~~**Conditional approval:** ATE recommends approval of the application, subject to the agreement and implementation of planning conditions and/or obligations as set out in this response.~~
- c. ~~**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.~~
- d. ~~**Refusal:** ATE recommends that the application be refused for the reasons set out in this response.~~

1.0 Background

Active Travel England (ATE) welcomes the opportunity to comment on this second consultation in relation to:

1. 23/01496/DISC - Discharge of Condition 8 (Site Wide Masterplan and Design Code) of 14/02121/OUT

ATE submitted a response to the first round of consultation dated 11 July 2023 in a single response to the following applications in relation to this site.

- 23/01496/DISC
- 23/01558/DISC
- 23/01493/REM
- 23/01586/REM

A deferral was issued in response to these applications. Since this initial response, ATE have received two further consultation requests in relation to 23/01493/REM, to which a conditional approval was issued on 20 June 2024. Whilst this response focused on access arrangements and offsite infrastructure, comments were also provided on the internal street hierarchy.

2.0 Summary

Following a review of the revised submission documents in relation to 23/01496/DISC ATE is issuing a No Objection response, further context for this decision is set out below.

3.0 Areas of Concern

1. 23/01496/DISC - Discharge of Condition 8 (Site Wide Masterplan and Design Code) of 14/02121/OUT

In relation to 23/01493/REM ATE provided comments on walking and cycle infrastructure associated with internal streets. Following constructive amendments, it was confirmed that the approach being taken to internal roads was acceptable.

ATE have now reviewed the updated Design Code and Secondary Street Design Code associated with 23/01496/DISC. Given the previous comments issued by ATE and previous recommendation for approval, ATE do not wish to raise any significant concerns with either of the revised documents, which appear to reflect recent amendments and take into account relevant national guidance on active travel design and infrastructure.

It is also noteworthy that Oxfordshire County Council Transport Development Control has provided comprehensive and robust commentary on the proposals as part of the consultation process and ATE wishes to endorse and echo these comments as part of this response.

4.0 Next Steps

It is requested that these recommendations are provided to the LPA case officer and forwarded to the agent and applicant. ATE would be content to review further submitted information to help address the above identified deficiencies, with a view to providing a further response and recommended wording for planning conditions and obligation.