

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

District: Cherwell

Application no: 23/01586/REM

Proposal: Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline planning permission 14/02121/OUT for the erection of 123 dwellings (including 37 affordable dwellings), parking, landscaping and other associated infrastructure including the part compliance of conditions 12 (Building for Life 12), 13 (future climate risks statement), 14 (noise assessment), 16 (means of vehicular access), 17 (means of pedestrian/cycle links), 18 (Travel Plan) and 19 (detailed surface water drainage scheme) at Phase 2A

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

Response Date: 18th October 2024

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.

Key points

- Active travel connectivity is now satisfactory.
- Vehicle and cycle parking is in line with OCC standards
- The proposed layout is acceptable.

Comments:

Introduction

This is a reserved matters application for the first residential phase of development at Himley Village (Phase 2A). The wider site has planning permission (14/02121/OUT) to provide up to 1,700 dwellings, a retirement village, flexible commercial floorspace, community facilities, land to accommodate an energy centre and land to accommodate a new primary school. The main internal roads within the initial phase of development received permission in July 2024 (Application 23/01493/REM)

This is the second highways response; the first response was on 24/7/2023. Since this response, discussions have taken place with the applicant.

Sustainable transport connectivity/transport sustainability

The site layout now includes better pedestrian and cycle permeability including links into the mixed use development south of the site. The layout is shown with the consented spine and primary roads, which demonstrates the pedestrian and cycle connectivity from the main roads into the application site. Active travel connectivity is therefore considered satisfactory.

Site layout

The layout is in line with the Oxfordshire Street Design Guide.

Vehicle and cycle parking

Vehicle and cycle parking is now in line with OCC guidance.

Refuse collection

A swept path analysis has been provided, which demonstrates that an 11.6 metres long refuse vehicle can negotiate the layout.

Summary

It is considered that the outstanding issues have now been addressed. Oxfordshire County Council therefore do not object to the granting of planning permission.

Officer's Name: Sarah Halsey

Officer's Title: Senior Transport Development Officer

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Lead Local Flood Authority

Recommendation:

No additional comments, please see previous response.

Officer's Name: Thomas Callaway

Officer's Title: Technical Lead – SUDs drainage engineer

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