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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: Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

Application Ref: 24/00264/OUT

Site Address: LAND NORTH OF, NORMANDY WAY, HINCKLEY, LE10 3DA

Description of development: Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 415 dwellings, including landscaping, open spaces, drainage, and associated infrastructure (outline - access only)

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

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.

1.0 Background

ATE welcomes the opportunity to make a 4th response to this application following comments on the 29/05/2025, 15/5/2025 and 24/04/2025. ATE confirms receipt of Technical Note 2 (TN) from the applicant dated the 16th of June 2025.

2.0 Revised Active Travel Assessment

Upon review of this, ATE can confirm that it is in principle supportive of the application, subject to the setting of conditions and contributions to be set at the discretion of the local planning authority. Details of this revised position can be summarised as follows:

2.1 Trip generation and assignment

Revised Position: PASS

ATE acknowledges that in Appendix A of the TN, the applicant has demonstrated a multi-modal trip generation assessment for between 7am and 7pm on weekdays.

2.2 Active travel route audit

Revised Position: PASS > CONDITION/CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDED

ATE welcomes the applicant's representative presenting an Active Travel Route Audit which uses an adaptation of the assessment framework provided in Appendix A of LTN 1/20. This approach demonstrates that an experiential review has taken place and also considered aspects such as the lack of wayfinding and the absence of cycle parking for Route 1 (TN, p.2). This information can now be used to identify suitable contributions to be set as part of planning permission.

2.3 Pedestrian access to local amenities

Revised Position: PASS > CONDITION/CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDED

ATE is supportive of the applicant's commitment to improve active travel provision for a variety of routes as listed from para 1.14 to 1.16 of the TN (page 4). For avoidance of doubt these are as follows:

- Ashby Road signal upgrades with full signalised crossings (which ATE advises should be fully compliant with LTN 1-20).
- Enhancing the segregated pedestrian and cycle route along the A47 so that pedestrians and cyclists get priority of movement across the following junctions:
 - A47/Clover Field;
 - A47/Cornfield;
 - A47/Nelson Drive; and
 - A47/Drake Way.

It is advised that these improvements should be set as conditions and contribution agreements.

2.4 Cycling accessibility

Revised Position: PASS

ATE notes the applicant's justification for a shared-use provision and that this meets the minimum requirements as stipulated by LTN 1-20.

2.5 Access to public transport

Revised Position: PASS > CONDITION/CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDED

ATE welcomes that the applicant will commit with appropriate contributions to improve bus stops with shelters and overall walking/cycling connectivity (para 1.27 to para. 1.25, TN p.5).

2.6 Internal Active Travel Provision

Revised Position: CONDITION/CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDED

ATE advises the setting of a suitable conditions that ensure that the technical dimensions of key internal active travel provision is committed to at this stage – in particular, junctions should be detailed to show they are appropriate.

2.7 Offsite transport infrastructure

Revised Position: PASS > CONDITION/CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDED

ATE advises that the above improvements as outlined above in 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 are set as suitable conditions/contributions at the discretion of the local planning and highways authorities.

2.8 Placemaking

Revised Position: CONDITION/CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDED

ATE retains its position that key principles are agreed at this stage with further details of aspects such as signage and lighting could potentially be dealt with by way of a condition should the LPA consider this appropriate.

2.9 Cycle parking and trip end facilities

Revised Position: PASS > CONDITION/CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDED

As per previous responses ATE advises the applicant that details need to be confirmed of the number of cycle parking spaces as indicated on Table 11.1 of LTN 1-20 (p.134). This should include their design and the inclusion of suitable amenity. It is considered necessary to confirm this at this stage in order to ensure that space is available for an appropriate level of cycle parking at reserved matters stage.

2.10 Travel Plan

Revised Position: PASS > CONDITION/CONTRIBUTION RECOMMENDED

ATE notes that the applicant is willing to commit to the setting of a more ambitious approach to Travel Plan targets and objectives that this can be secured as a condition of planning permission (para 1.33, TN, p.6).

3.0 Conclusion

It is requested that these recommendations are considered by the LPA case officer and forwarded to the agent and applicant. ATE supports the setting of planning conditions and obligations as detailed above.