

## MEMORANDUM

To : Consultee - Transportation

From : Mr E Thomas, Planning Services, Blueschool House - H31

Tel : 01432 260479 My Ref : P140757/O

Date : 18 July 2014

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<b>SITE:</b>	Land East of Church House and West of A438, Bartestree, Herefordshire,
<b>APPLICATION TYPE:</b>	Outline
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Residential development of up to 51 new dwellings of which up to 18 will be affordable.
<b>APPLICATION NO:</b>	P140757/O
<b>GRID REFERENCE:</b>	OS 356749, 241006
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	The Owner and/or Occupier

Amended ☐ Additional ☐ Amended and Additional ☒

Plans or documents have been received for the proposal described above which are now available in Wisdom. If you have any further comments to make please respond by 3 July 2014.

Should you require further information please contact the Case Officer.

Any comments should be added below and actioned in Civica to Mr E Thomas.

### Comments:

It is noted that a footway from the site northwards to the bus stop at the Longworth lane junction has now been proposed to provide an alternative to the on-road route via the unclassified road and Longworth Lane.

The footway widths alongside the A438 indicated on Drawing MID 3674-005 Rev C in the Transport Statement are less for part of the length than our Highways Design Guide for New Development requirement of 2.0m width. I consider that it is important to achieve this width for a proposed new footway alongside the A438 in a 40mph limit. It is further noted that the originally proposed pedestrian link southwards to the closer bus stop at Frome Park has now been removed from the application, and I would comment that it may be that pedestrians choose to walk the shorter route on the limited verge width available.

It is noted that on the plan MID 3674-005 Rev C a short length is indicated in blue south of the access, but then the remaining curved section to link to the unclassified road opposite the Frome Park footpath link is not coloured. Confirmation is required that this is to be provided, as it is described on Drawing B5776 SK-02 Rev D as a new footpath connection in Paragraph 3.9 as being of potential benefit to Frome Park residents. It is also mentioned as providing a route to the southern bus stop via Frome Park, however at an overall walking distance from centre of development of close to 550m as opposed to a lesser distance of around 250m including 100m along the grass verge of A438 from the unclassified road to the bus stop, I suspect the latter may be utilised.

No overall highway layout has been produced for A438 to indicate the co-ordination of the proposed junction, the unclassified road junction and the junction for the Frome Park Development which all fall within an overall length of less than 300m. My concerns regarding the proximity (70m) of the unclassified road junction to the site access remain.

The requested Stage 1 Road Safety Audit for the works to A438 and proposed layout/interaction with the other two junctions has not yet been received. This should include a NMU (Non Motorised User) Audit. As access is not a reserved matter, this is required pre-determination.

Therefore, on the basis of the information supplied to date, my concerns regarding the application remain and I continue to consider the proposals unacceptable.

Consultation response from: Adrian Smith – Area Engineer Development Control (Transportation)

DATE RETURNED: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014