

Memorandum

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Outline planning application for up to 300 residential dwellings (including affordable housing and older person accommodation), a new community hub, introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area and surface water flood mitigation and attenuation. All matters reserved except for access.

**Land At The Hill Bekesbourne Lane East Of Bekesbourne Hill Bekesbourne
Canterbury CT4 5EA**

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The development is close to the existing amenities of Littlebourne including bus stops on a frequent service between Sandwich and Canterbury. I consider that the developer should undertake to offer discounted bus season tickets to new residents to encourage patronage of the bus.

The travel plan sets out the cycling isochrome of 8km and states that traffic volumes on The Hill make it suitable for cycling. However I do not consider that the A257 outside the built up area of the village is suitable for cycling as the road is subject to a 50mph speed limit with no footways and a dark canopy of trees, and unlit for most of its length. An alternative cycle route to Canterbury via Patricbourne is set out in the transport strategy and I consider that the developer should undertake to provide this or to suggest an alternative safe cycle route.

The travel plan does not set targets and states that these will wait until some of the houses are occupied. I consider that the baseline travel patterns could come from the 2011 census for this ward from which targets could be set. The travel plan should also set out what additional measures will be taken if the targets are not met.

The electric car club is welcome and this could extend to cycle hire if a suitable cycle route can be provided.

The distance to Bekesbourne railway station is given together with the cost of car parking at the station. It would be better if this were to be expressed as a walk or cycle ride.

Cycle parking needs to be provided for any dwelling that does not have on plot facilities, as well as at all community facilities, including weatherproof and secure parking for long stay such as staff.

I hope that this is helpful.

Ruth

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