

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

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TRANSPORTATION

REPORT OF SENIOR ENGINEER, DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HIGHWAYS)
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since the previous Forum the County Council and officers at both Local Planning Authorities have had regular meetings with representatives of both landowners within the MDA site. These discussions have focused on five key areas. This report sets out the progress which has been made in each area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be noted.

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1. Northern access
2. The Wimpey planning application submitted for land at Old Park Farm showed a traffic signalled controlled vehicular access onto Hambledon Road approximately 160 metres south east of Sunnymead Drive junction. In order to accommodate the resultant queuing traffic it was necessary to widen the section of Hambledon Road to dual carriageway between the access and Sunnymead Drive. A revised proposal for access has been submitted. The latest scheme shown on drawing number 39 Revision A (attached) shows the traffic signalled controlled vehicular access onto Hambledon Road being provided at a point approximately 150 metres north west of Sunnymead Drive junction. This removes the requirement for road widening in the vicinity of the Hambledon Parade.
3. Not widening the Hambledon Road carriageway opposite Hambledon Parade will assist pedestrian and cycle integration between the MDA site and the existing urban area to the east. Integration will be assisted by the provision of signalised crossings between the MDA and the east. An uncontrolled priority junction will also provide access into part of the MDA site. This junction is proposed to provide a limited access to a car park being provided in association with the local centre. Drawing number 39 Revision A is at present being technically audited and may result in amendments to the junction layout.
4. Main access
5. The Grainger Trust has now prepared drawings for the main site access. The attached drawings show initial designs for 3 phases. The main access is proposed in the location of the existing Maurepas Way/Hambledon Road roundabout. Phase 1 shown on drawing number GTWVILLERD2003P1 Rev PR01 is an enlarged roundabout and is proposed to be provided at the commencement of development. Phase 2 shown on drawing number GTWVILLERD2003P2 Rev PR01 shows the enlarged roundabout being controlled by traffic signals, the scheme also includes a 3 metre pedestrian / cycle route through the junction. This phase is expected to be required sometime between the beginning of development construction and the occupation of the 2000th dwelling. The actual trigger point for the implementation of Phase 2 will be dependent on the delivery of the mix of the residential and employment development. Phase 3 shown on drawing number GTWVILLERD2003P3 Rev PR01 shows a 'hamburger junction' where, under traffic signal control, the north – south flow is taken through the centre of the roundabout. This is likely to be required before the occupation of the 3000th dwelling.

6. Southern access

7. The Grainger Trust has also submitted drawing number GTWVILLERD2206 Rev PR02 which shows the southern access to the MDA site from the A3 London Road. The access is proposed to be a traffic signal controlled “T” junction approximately 170 metres south of the Ladybridge Road roundabout. The junction is proposed to incorporate the existing bus lanes on the A3 and also a diverted Purbrook Heath Road. The trigger for construction of this junction has not yet been agreed with the developers although indications are that it will be required at an early stage.

8. Public transport

9. In 2004 the County Council produced a passenger transport service and infrastructure design brief for the MDA site. The brief set out the level of bus services and on site passenger transport infrastructure that the developers would need to provide. Both MDA developers have signed up to the principles set out in the brief and detailed negotiations over service and infrastructure delivery is on-going and will need to be agreed by the County Council's Public Transport Group before any planning permission can be issued.

10. Integration

11. The Integration project team has been tasked with progressing this matter. However, the transportation work is fundamentally linked to the successful outcome of the integration issues and the delivery of a sustainable community. Work is primarily focussing on the integration of the MDA and Hambledon Parade, Waterlooville town centre and Purbrook village centre.

APPENDICES

Colour versions of these maps are available at www.winchester.gov.uk (search under “Your Council” and then “Cabinet and Committees”). Colour copies will be available for Councillors at the meeting.