

HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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PLANNING APPLICATION REF.	2024/0122
LOCATION	Land north of Hemingfield Road, Hemingfield, Barnsley
DESCRIPTION	Outline planning application for demolition of existing structures and erection of residential dwellings with associated infrastructure and open space. All matters reserved apart from access into the site
ASSOCIATED PRE-APPLICATION	2023/ENQ/00437

Although the application is outline except for access, Highways DC officers would wish to be provided with a detailed design of the proposed access to ensure it can be constructed adequately up to and including the first spur off within the proposed estate.

Given the proliferation of sustainable transport routes within and adjacent to the site, Highways DC would ask that a 3.0m shared-use path is provided rather than the 2.0m footways shown on the submitted plan. Consideration should also be given to widening the carriageway at the access point, this is firstly due to the number of dwellings it would serve and also to allow the maintenance of two-way flow of traffic should work be required to be carried out at the junction.

Independent Stage 1/2 safety audits should be carried out to ensure safe design and the results submitted for consideration by the Council's Traffic Department.

In terms of the Transport Assessment, it is noted that the site "forms part of a wider area of land which is identified in the Barnsley Local Plan as safeguarded land for future development. The safeguarded land is known as site SL6 'Land North-East of Hemingfield', with an area of 18.2 hectares. The proposed development site is located broadly on the western third of the wider safeguarded land". As this application is for outline only, the information submitted can only be speculatively assessed for the likely number of dwellings provided in a future detailed layout. Whilst the information in the Transport Assessment is not disputed, it should be acknowledged that the proposals form part of a larger allocation and the entire allocated site should be assessed as a committed development, particularly as the development will provide a route through to the wider site. It should also be noted that one access point may not be sufficient to serve the entire number of dwellings anticipated.

As mentioned in the pre-application response 2023/ENQ/00437, the refuse vehicle that requires tracking is as follows: Length 11 metres, width 2.75 metres, height 4.5 metres, weight 26 tonnes, turning circle needed 15.25 metres. A 0.5m gap from the edge of the carriageway or other obstruction should be maintained at all times when tracking vehicles. The tracking should therefore be updated.

