Land East And West Of Edison Bell Way Huntingdon, Travel Plan

HDC 2821

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Discharge of Condition Review

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Introduction

The comment provided are in response to the discharge of conditions 32 and 33 of planning permission 20/02613/FUL. The consented application was for 178 dwellings. The Travel Plan provided for Condition 32 was titled 'Station Quarter Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire'. The Travel plan was dated January 2025. The Travel Plan was prepared by Mayer Brown Limited on behalf of Vistry Group. The Welcome Pack was titled 'Station Quarter' and was prepared by the Vistry Group.

Condition 32

Prior to first occupation of the development hereby approved a Travel Plan shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. Such Travel Plan shall make provision for a Travel Plan coordinator to give advice and to coordinate annual monitoring, with all measures reviewed to ensure targets are met. The approved Residential Travel Plan shall be adhered to.

Condition 33

Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved, details of the Residential Welcome Packs for sustainable transport to be provided to all dwellings within the development have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Such Residential Welcome Pack shall include three months free bus travel with

the relevant local public transport operator. The approved Residential Welcome Packs shall be provided to the first occupiers of each dwelling upon first occupation.

Comments for Condition 32

A baseline survey will be undertaken at 50% occupation of the dwellings. Therefore, draft targets are provided to give an understanding of potential travel patterns. Targets have been provided in the Travel Plan for a 5-year time frame. It should be noted initial base targets are based on 2011 census data.

- Walking is currently 26.3% and in year 5 the target is 29.3%. Therefore of 3% increase of the multi modal share.
- Cycling is currently 6.9% and in year 5 the target is 7.1%. Therefore a 0.5% increase of the multi modal share.
- Driving is currently 50% and in year 5 the target is 44%. Therefore a 6% decrease of the multi modal share.

The targets are acceptable.

A Travel Plan Coordinator (TPC) will be appointed by the Vistry Group. The TPC will be employed 5 years post full occupation of the site.

Measures part of the Travel Plan include:

- Cycle storage for all the dwellings will be provided.
- Improvements to nearby pedestrian crossings
- Improvements for bus infrastructure

The TPC will monitor the Travel Plan by undertaking questionnaire surveys in years 1,3 and 5. The results will be analysed and turned into a monitoring report. If targets are not met surveys may continue to years 7 and 9.

The Travel Plan is acceptable.

Comments for Condition 33

It is noted that welcome travel packs will be providing alongside 3 months of free bus travel is provided to each dwelling, this is acceptable.

Conclusion

As submitted the local highway authority have no objections to the discharge of condition 32 and 33.