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Our ref: WF PA Blakedown Ask for: Howard Davies

Dear Craig,

Howard Davies Economy and Infrastructure Development Control Engineer

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Transportation Pre-Application Advice: Station Drive, Blakedown, Worcestershire

I write following your recent enquiries regarding your clients' aspirations to develop land at Blakedown for a residential development and station car park.

Planning Context

The site is currently arable land located in the village of Blakedown in the Wyre Forest District of Worcestershire. It is bounded by open land to the north-east; Blakedown Railway Station platform to the north-west; the A456 Birmingham Road to the south-east; and Station Drive to the south-west.

The proposed development forms a draft allocation in the Wyre Forest District Council Local Plan (2016 – 2036) which is currently under examination.

The Highway Authority accepts the principle of the development of 50 houses, in line with local plan provisions.

Provisional Assessment

You recently submitted to Worcestershire County Council (WCC), as Highway Authority:

- Technical Note Access Appraisal dated August 2018;
- Transport Technical Note dated November 2020; and
- two illustrative designs for site access junctions, each situated on Station Drive.

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Those demonstrate the feasibility of achieving access to the site and, although not referenced in the submissions, it is noted that other access options may be available.

Following review of your submissions a full and detailed pre-application response was provided recommending that, if the allocation is approved, a Transport Assessment (TA) should be prepared and submitted in support of any future proposal. The recommendation included a detailed list of evidence and analyses that should be included in a TA.

Summary

The Highway Authority has undertaken a review of the documents, and accepts the proposals in principle, subject to further detailed technical assessment.

I hope that these comments are of assistance. Should you require clarification of any of the above points, or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

HOWARD DAVIES

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Development Control Engineer
On behalf of Karen Hanchett, Transport Planning and Development Management
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