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Active Travel England Planning Response Detailed Response to an Application for Planning Permission

From: Planning & Development Division, Active Travel England

To: Lewes District Council

Application Ref: LW/24/0820

Site Address: LAND WEST OF, SOUTH ROAD, WIVELSFIELD GREEN,
RH17 7QS

Description of development: Outline application for the erection of up to 150 dwellings, with associated works, parking, landscaping, publicly accessible open space, land for education or community use, with access from Green Road and Eastern Road

Notice is hereby given that Active Travel England's formal recommendation is as follows:

- a. ~~**No Objection:** ATE has undertaken a detailed assessment of this application and is content with the submission.~~
- b. ~~**Conditional approval:** ATE recommends approval of the application, subject to the agreement and implementation of planning conditions and/or obligations as set out in this response.~~
- c. **Deferral:** ATE is not currently in a position to support this application and requests further assessment, evidence, revisions and/or dialogue as set out in this response.
- d. ~~**Refusal:** ATE recommends that the application be refused for the reasons set out in this response.~~

1.0 Background

Active Travel England (ATE) welcomes the opportunity to provide further comments on this consultation. ATE previously submitted a response on 3 February 2025, issuing a 'Deferral' decision.

2.0 Summary

ATE has been consulted again following what appears to be a resubmission of associated plans and documents. However, no clear reason for this resubmission has been identified. ATE has reviewed the submission documents and maintains its position of deferral. The comments provided in the 3 February 2025 response should continue to be considered.

Travel Plan

A Travel Plan has now been submitted; however, it still lacks mode shift targets. The applicant proposes to establish a baseline mode share using data from the TRICS database, which is likely derived from 2011 travel-to-work data. Reliance on 2011 Census 'Method of Travel to Work' data sets a less ambitious starting point due to its outdated nature. While ATE acknowledges the limitations of the 2021 Census, a vision-led baseline that incorporates alternative data sources—such as the National Travel Survey—would provide a more robust and forward-looking foundation, aligning with the updated NPPF.

ATE encourages the applicant to adopt a more ambitious baseline and work towards continuous improvements throughout the monitoring period. Additionally, modal splits should be provided for the entire day rather than just peak hours to capture all mode movements, including non-work-related activities.

3.0 Next Steps

ATE requests that the Local Planning Authority shares this response with the applicant's agent. We would welcome additional details and amendments in line with the above comments, with a view to providing a further response/appropriate wording for conditions as required.