

Land off Fryatts Way, Bexhill, East Sussex

Statement of Common Ground on Highways and Transport Matters

Between the Appellant and the Local Highway Authority (East Sussex County Council)

A115791

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1.0 Introduction

- This Transport Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Tetra Tech on behalf of Gladman Developments Limited (GDL) and has been agreed with the local highway authority, East Sussex County Council (ESCC), in relation to the appeal by GDL ('the Apellant') against the non-determination of planning application on Land off Fryatts Way ('RR/2021/1656/P' or the 'appeal site') by the local planning authority, Rother District Council (RDC). It sets out the agreed position between the parties.
- 1.2 This HSoCG has been jointly prepared by the Appellant and the Highway Authority and sets out the factual background to the appeal and those matters on which the main parties agree.
- 1.3 The application sought permission for: up to 210 residential dwellings (including 30% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water mitigation, vehicular access point and associated ancillary works. All matters reserved with the exception of access.
- 1.4 The full RfR are provided as core documents. The LHA has raised issues with respect to sustainable transport modes based on the walk distances involved to access bus services and the level of footway / pedestrian provision on some stretches of road near to the site.
- 1.5 The planning authority Statement of Case offers two reasons for refusal which relate to transport matters. Reason 2 states that:

"The site lies outside any development boundary and at the fringe of Bexhill in an area with inadequate pedestrian routes and poorly served by public transport as well as being some distance from local services or facilities. Due to its location, form and scale the proposed development would result in a reliance on the private motor vehicle to be able to access a sufficient range of

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services, facilities and employment and more sustainable modes of transport would not be readily available. The reliance on the private motor vehicle and only one access into and out of the site would have an adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring residential occupiers, particularly no. 11 and 15 Fryatts Way and raise issues of conflict between different users. Therefore, the development would result in identified environmental harm and not constitute sustainable development as defined within the National Planning Policy Framework. This environmental harm outweighs the economic and social benefits of providing proposed housing in this location. Accordingly, the proposal fails to comply with policies OSS2, OSS3, RA3, SRM1, TR2 and TR3 of the Core Strategy, policies DIM2 of the DaSA and paragraphs 85, 104 and 105 of the National Planning Policy Framework."

1.6 Reason 3 relates to traffic impacts of the strategic highway network. It states that:

Insufficient information has been submitted to determine or agree the impact of the proposed development on the strategic road network. The proposal is therefore unable to demonstrate compliance with policies TR2 and TR3 and paragraphs 110 and 111 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.



2.0 Agreement

2.1 It is agreed that:

- i. Safe and suitable access can be achieved into the site on Fryatts Way in accordance with the requirements of the NPPF.
- ii. There are no issues of highway safety which should stand against the proposals.
- iii. The development traffic generation and distribution as set out in the supporting transport assessments are acceptable.
- iv. The use the traffic flows included in the Bexhill and Hastings Saturn Model as a basis to assess the impact of the development is acceptable.
- v. The traffic impact of the development on the local highway network is not significant. The development proposals are acceptable with respect to traffic impact on the local road network and there is no conflict with the NPPF (e.g. no residual cumulative impacts of development which are severe) which permits refusal on that basis.
- vi. With respect to the section of Ellerslie Way to the north of Fryatts Way which does not have footway provision, there are alternative similar length routes which include Gunters Lane, the residential estates to the east of Ellerslie Lane (Glenleigh Avenue etc) and the footpath network which connects through these residential roads and connects to Turkey Road to the north via Bexhill Academy.
- vii. To the south of the site there is a c. 100m length of Broadoak Lane which also does not have any footway provision. However, again alternative routes of a similar length are available (via Blackfields Ave and Courthope Drive).
- viii. Whilst the individual uses within local commercial and community facilities change over time, a snapshot of the recent provision is as represented at **Appendix A**.
- 2.2 We confirm that this statement accurately reflects the agreed position between Ben Lenton on behalf of East Sussex County Council and Luke Regan of Tetra Tech (on behalf of Appellant) on the various highways and transportation issues associated with the proposed development, but with sustainable transport issues outstanding.

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Signed

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Luke Regan
Associate Director

Tetra Tech

Date

23/11/2022

Ben Lenton Principal Highway Engineer, East Sussex County Council

Date

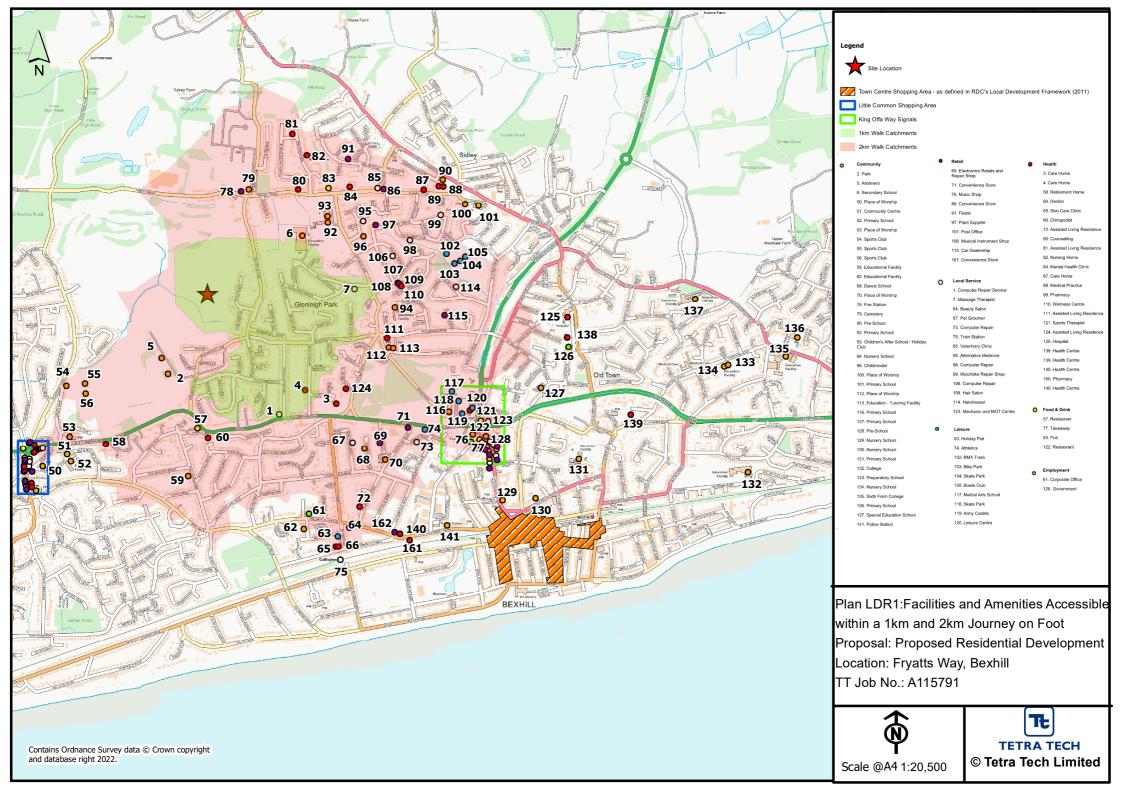
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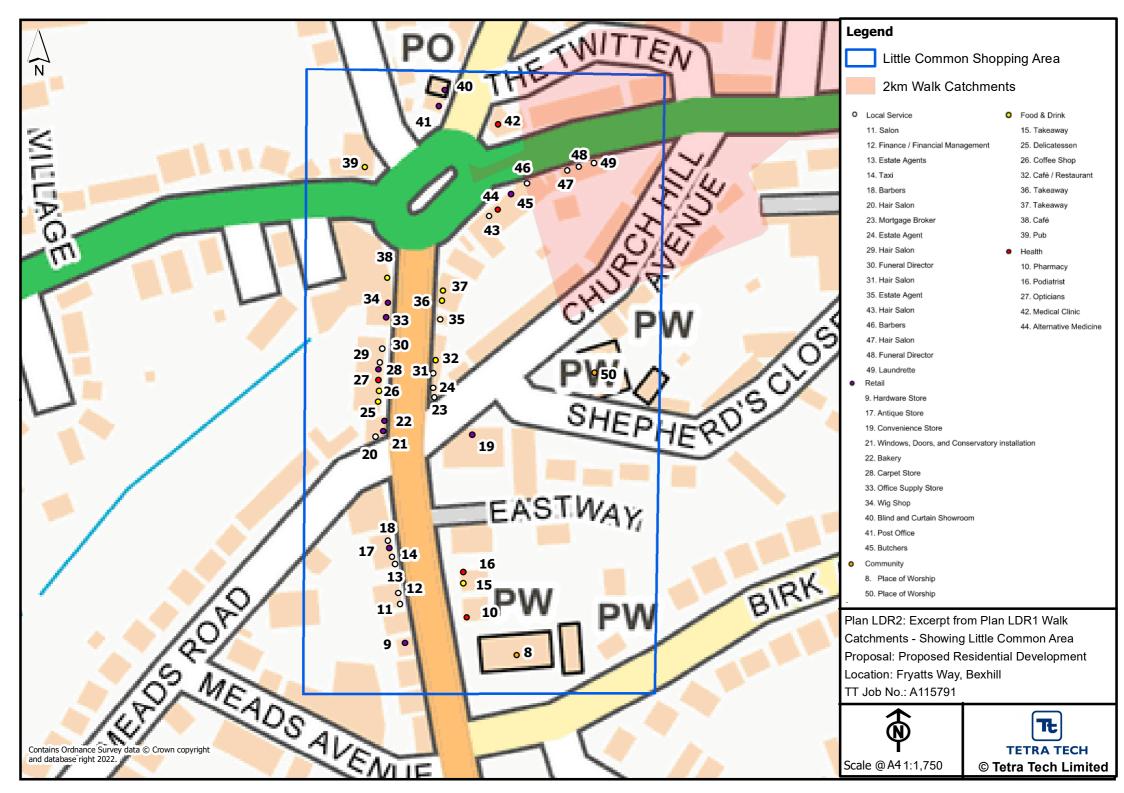
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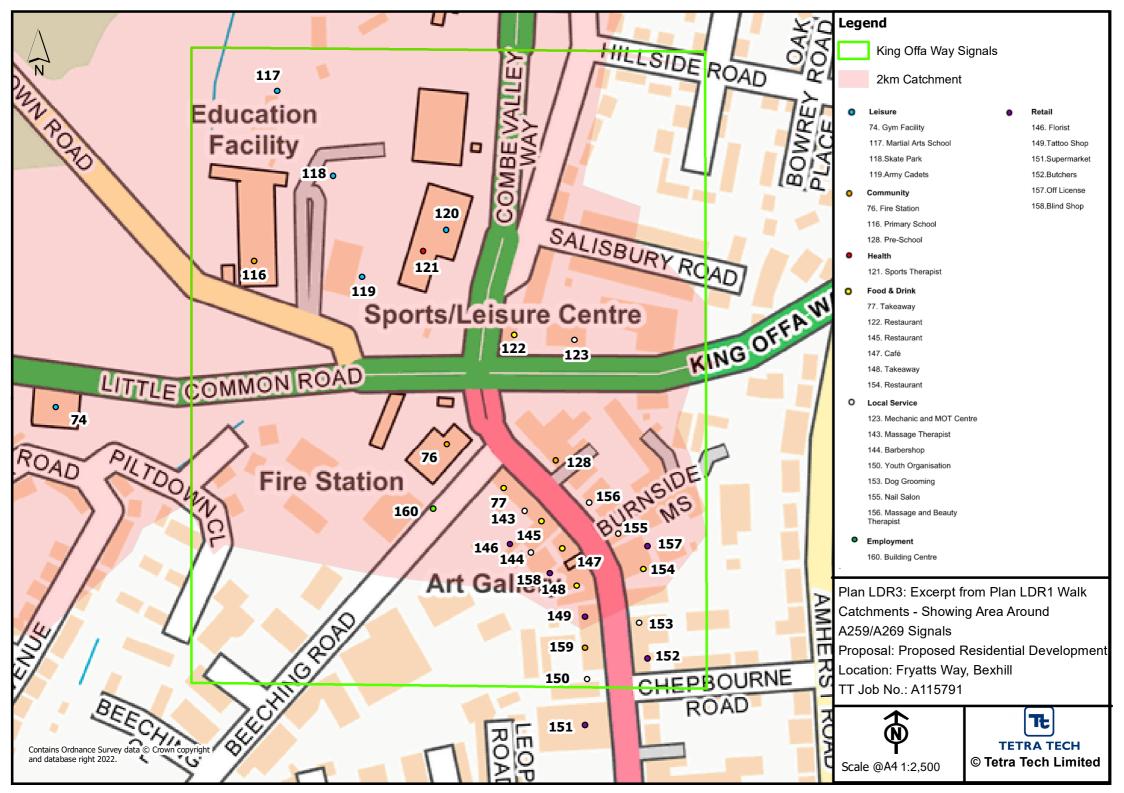
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Appendix A – Plans and tabulated list of facilities, retail and amenities and the walk distances







Plan Ref	Land Use	Type of Amenity	Name of Amenity	Walking Distance from the Centre of the Parcel (m)
2	Community	Park	Broad Oak Park	10
112 113	Community Community	Place of Worship Education - Tutoring Facility	St. Stephen's Church, Bexhill Kumon Maths & English	11 11
5	Community	Allotment	Broad Oak Park Allotments	12
96	Community	Childminder	Honey Pot Childminding	13
92 93	Community Community	Primary School Children's After School / Holiday Club	Glenleigh Park Ducklings Nursery Boom Active Kids Holiday Club Bexhill	14 14
	Community	Cemetary	Bexhill Cemetary	15
	Community Community	Educational Facility Secondary School	Music for the Memory Bexhill Academy	15 16
	Community	Place of Worship	Living Word Church	16
116	Community	Primary School	King Offa Primary Academy	17
68 53	Community	Dance School Place of Worship	Dance Moves St. Mark's Church, Bexhill	17 18
76	Community	Fire Station	Bexhill Community Fire Station	18
		Pre-School Educational Facility	Maggie's Day Nursery Chinese Mandarin Language School	19 19
	Community	Pre-School	Dragonflies Community Nursery	19
	Community	Local Venue	Centre Stage	19
	Employment Employment	Corporate Office Building Supplier	Conquest House Jewson Bexhill	18 18
57	Food & Drink	Restaurant	The Denbigh	12
	Food & Drink Food & Drink	Pub Restaurant	Rose & Crown The Chilli Tree Indian Restaurant	15 18
	Food & Drink	Takeaway	Blue Anchor	18
	Food & Drink	Restaurant Cofé	Shiplu Tandoori Restaurant Bexhill	19
	Food & Drink Food & Drink	Café Takeaway	Michelle's Dream Best Kebabs	19 19
154	Food & Drink	Restaurant	Bengal Brasserie	19
3	Health Health	Care Home Care Home	Hazelmere Nursing Home Greenwood	9
111	Health	Assisted Living Residence	St. Vincent's Care Home	11
110		Wellness Centre	Younique Wellbeing Studios	11
60 124	Health Health	Dentist Assisted Living Residence	East Sussex Dental Laboratory Wellgate Supported Living - The Lodge	12 13
80	Health	Counselling	Deborah Lindsey Counselling Service	15
58	Health Health	Retirement Home	Hillborough House - Retirement Living - McCarthy Stone Thornwood Care Ltd	15 15
84 82	Health	Mental Health Clinic Nursing Home	Heatherdene Nursing Home	17
87	Health	Care Home	Adelfi Homecare Ltd	18
81 89	Health Health	Assisted Living Residence Pharmacy	Lennox Lodge Rest Home LloydsPharmacy	19 19
88	Health	Medical Practice	Sidley Medical Practice	19
65	Health	Skin Care Clinic	Sussex Skin and Laser Clinic	19
66 72	Health Health	Chiropodist Assisted Living Residence	Harris Foot Health Ltd Ayush Care t/a Holmesdale House and Holmesdale Day Care	19 19
102	Leisure	BMX Track	Bexhill BMX Track	15
103 104	Leisure Leisure	Bike Park Skate Park	Dirt Jump Bike Park Bexhill Skate Park	16 16
	Leisure	Athletics	Bexhill Amateur Atheletic Association (BAAA)	16
74	Leisure	Gym Facility	Physiques Gym Bexhill in BAAA	16
74 74	Leisure Leisure	Sport Function Room	Bexhill AA Judo Club & Aikido in BAAA Bexhill Amateur Atheletic Association in BAAA	16 16
119	Leisure	Army Cadets	Bexhill Army Cadets	17
	Leisure Leisure	Skate Park Leisure Centre	Blue Ramp Skate Park Bexhill Leisure Centre	17
	Leisure	Bowls Club	Sidley Martlets Bowls Club	17 18
	Leisure	Martial Arts School	SAMA Karate & Kickboxing Bexhill & Hastings	18
	Leisure Local Service	Holiday Flat Massage Therapist	Trafalgar House Pyramid Therapy	18
	Local Service	Computer Repair Service	C & C Computer Services Ltd	9
	Local Service	Hair Salon	Images	11
	Local Service Local Service	Computer Repair Alternative Medicine	Bexhill PC Team Samos Therapeutic Massage (Visiting Massage / Aromatherapy Service)	13 14
98	Local Service	Computer Repair	Adams Computer Services	15
	Local Service Local Service	Motorbike Repair Shop	Beeson Motorcyles Top to Tail Dog Groomers	17 17
	Local Service	Pet Groomer Veterinary Clinic	Happy Tails Vets	17
73	Local Service	Computer Repair	Your Computer Friend	17
	Local Service Local Service	Beauty Salon Massage Therapist	The Serenity Room Aesthetics And Beauty Salon Orchid Beuaty Therapy	18 18
144	Local Service	Barbershop	Adam Traditional Barber	18
	Local Service	Mechanic and MOT Centre	Kwik Fit - Bexhill-On-Sea	19
	Local Service Local Service	Hair Dresser Train Station	Emma Heritage Hair Design Collington Train Station - Southern Railway	19 19
156	Local Service	Massage and Beauty Therapist	B's Beauty Therapy and Thai Massage	19
	Local Service Retail	Nail Salon Post Office	Coco Nails and Spa Windmill Drive Post Office, Convenience Store & Café	19
	Retail	Musical Instrument Shop	Dean Pelling Woodwind & Brass	11
	Retail	Plant Supplier	Bill & Ben the Bonsai Men. (Bonsai Central)	13
	Retail Retail	Music Shop Convenience Store	Degay Guitars Little Common Convenience Store	14
	Retail	Car Dealership	AMACUK	15
	Retail	Electronics Retails and Repair Shop	Sabre Controls Ltd	16
	Retail Retail	Convenience Store Florist	One Stop The Natural Florist Ltd	17 18
146	Retail	Florist	Blooming Beautiful Workshop	18
	Retail	Blind Shop	Bespoke Blinds and Shutters	19
15/	Retail Retail	Off License Tattoo Shop	Pricecutter Lost Ink Tatoo Studio	19 19

Outside 2kg	m Catchment			
51		Community Centre	Little Common Community Centre	2010
	Community	Primary School	Little Common School	2040
100	Community	Place of Worship	All Saints Church, Bexhill	2070
127	Community	Primary School	Chantry Community Primary School	2140
54	Community	Sports Club	Little Common Ramblers Cricket Club	2160
	Community	Primary School	All Saints Church of England Primary School	2160
55	Community	Sports Club	Little Common Football Club	2300
	Community	Police Station	Sussex Police	2330
56	Community	Sports Club	Little Common Recreation Ground	2380
	Community Community	Nursery School Nursery School	Birkdale Nursery Amberley Nursery and Forest School	2400 2690
	Community	Primary School	St Peter & St Paul C Of E Primary School	2910
	Community	Prepartory School	Battle Abbey Prepatory School Bexhill	3450
	Community	Nursery School	Battle Abbey Nursery	3450
	Community	Special Education School	St Mary's School and College, Bexhill	3660
135	Community	Sixth Form College	Bexhill Sixth Form College	3770
132	Community	College	St Richard's Catholic College	3840
	Community	Primary School	St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School	3850
	Employment	Government	NHS Hastings & Rother Clinical Commissioning Group	2400
121		Sports Therapist	Lauren Whiting Sports Massage Therapy	2010
161 140	Health Health	Pharmacy Health Centre	Boots Collington Surgery	2100 2180
125	Health	Hospital	Bexhill Hospital	2270
	Health	Health Centre	Bexhill Health Centre	2550
	Health	Health Centre	Old Town Surgery	2860
	Local Service	Dog Grooming	One to One Dog Grooming	2030
	Local Service	Youth Organisation	Guide Headquarters, Bexhill Division	2050
	Retail	Butchers	London Road Butchers	2040
	Retail	Supermarket	Aldi	2130
	Retail	Convenience Store	Tesco Express	2090
	non Roundabou		Little Course & Mathadist Church	4000
	Community Community	Place of Worship Place of Worship	Little Common Methodist Church St. Martha's Church	1980 2150
		Takeaway	Little Common Fish and Grill	2020
	Food & Drink	Takeaway	Little India	2020
	Food & Drink	Café	The Village Café	2020
39	Food & Drink	Pub	Wheatsheaf Inn	2020
	Food & Drink	Café / Restaurant	Chapter Two	2040
	Food & Drink	Delicatessen	Cheese & Delicatessens	2050
	Food & Drink	Coffee Shop	Carly's Coffee	2050
	Food & Drink Health	Takeaway	Dragon & Peacock The Condon Madical Croup, Vains & Apphabias Clinia	2130 1950
42		Medical Clinic Alternative Medicine	The Cooden Medical Group - Veins & Aesthetics Clinic Little Gem	1950
27		Opticians	SV - Simply Vision Opticians	2060
	Health	Podiatrist	Trim Feet Podiatry	2110
10	Health	Pharmacy	Little Common Pharmacy	2140
49	Local Service	Laundrette	Whiter than White Laundrette	1930
	Local Service	Hair Salon	Simon Palmer Hair Design	1940
	Local Service	Funeral Director	Ewan Walder Funeral Services	1940
	Local Service	Barbers	Cutting Point	1950
	Local Service Local Service	Hair Salon	Hair Fairy Oliver & Bailey	1980 2020
	Local Service	Estate Agent Hair Salon	The Village Hair Shop	2020
	Local Service	Estate Agent	Property Café	2060
	Local Service	Hair Salon	Cream	2060
	Local Service	Hair Salon	PhazeOne	2060
		Funeral Director	EW Funeral Services	2090
13	Local Service	Estate Agents	Bexhill Estates	2110
			Omni Finance	2110
	Local Service	Barbers	Jazz Barbers	2120
	Local Service Local Service	Taxi Finance / Financial Management	Little Common Taxis Taylor Winchester	2130 2140
	Local Service	Salon	Perfections - Retail, Beauty, Skincare	2150
	Retail	Butchers	M.Betts & G.Loyd	1960
	Retail	Blind and Curtain Showroom	BN Blinds and Curtains Ltd	2000
	Retail	Post Office	Little Common Post Office	2010
	Retail	Office Supply Store	First call inks	2030
	Retail	Wig Shop	A Touch of Glamour	2030
	Retail	Windows, Doors and Conservatory installation	MC Glass	2080
	Retail	Bakery	Everything Spice Bakery	2080
	Retail Retail	Carpet Store Convenience Store	Denis Parkinson Carpets Tesco Express	2080 2090
	Retail	Antique Store	Little Attic	2090
	Retail	Hardware Store	Reynolds Hardware	2140
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Plan Ref:		
	On Plan LDR1	
	On Plan LDR2	
	On Plan LDR3	