

REPORT

Rickman's Green Village Interim Travel Plan

School

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Executive Summary

Royal HaskoningDHV has been appointed by Artemis Land and Agriculture Limited (“Artemis”) to provide highways and transport advice regarding Rickman’s Green Village located in Chichester District, West Sussex. This Interim School Travel Plan (STP) has been prepared in respect to a proposed two-form entry primary school which forms part of an outline planning application for Phase 2 of Rickman’s Green Village.

In line with the Vision for Rickman’s Green Village to create a new rural settlement which is not car-led, this STP forms a key part of the strategy which supports and (where possible) accelerates a reduced level of car use. The information provided in this report sets out objectives, targets, measures, the strategy and management of this STP to ensure its effectiveness.

The primary objective of this STP is to maximise the use of non-car modes of transport to the site such as walking, cycling and public transport, and to provide safe school journeys. To support the STP’s objective and manage its progress, targets which refer to a change in percentage points of travel modes have been identified.

It is intended that by the end of the Travel Plan period, ten years after the school’s opening, car use for trips to and from the school would be reduced. A Full School Travel Plan will be prepared prior to the school opening to establish final specific mode share targets. In addition to a multi-modal survey will be carried out within 3 months of first opening to provide initial baseline data, surveys will be repeated every three years to monitor the STP’s progress.

The following initiatives, as well as design measures embedded in the overall proposals to actively deprioritise the use of private cars, form part of an Action Plan and would be implemented to encourage sustainable travel choices to the primary school:

- Free half-hourly public bus service to and from the school;
- Coordination of a cycling bus for children from Plaistow, Ifold, Kirdford and Rickman’s Green Village to the school;
- Bike repair station located in bicycle shelter;
- Free personal safety equipment such as lights, umbrellas and reflective bands;
- Free cycle training for pupils and staff;
- Free personal travel planning for staff on request;
- Provision of cycle parking and ebike charging facilities;
- Issue of newsletter to parents / carers and staff; and
- Coordinate at least one school assembly yearly to draw attention to the STP and its benefits.

Implementation of the STP and its associated incentives, will progress only upon confirmation from West Sussex County Council that the education provision is to be delivered as part of Phase 2 of Rickman’s Green village. A Reserved Matter application would then be submitted if the school was to progress.

The developer of the school is responsible in the first instance for establishing a strategy for travel planning for the proposed primary school and would also hold responsibility for the relevant obligations attached to any planning conditions associated with the Rickman’s Green Village applications. The developer would also be responsible for appointing a Travel Plan Coordinator who would implement the School Travel Plan.