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Our ref: BUR/23/438

Bury Council
Planning Services
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4th January 2024

Location: **Former Mondi/Holcombe Mill, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, Bury,
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OBS**

Development: **Erection of 57 no. dwellings, the retention of a chimney and the demolition of 3 existing buildings, together with engineering operations to create a development platform, public car park, substation, public open space, landscaping, drainage, the layout of internal estate roads and footways and other associated works.**

Dear Helen
Leach

Thank you for consulting Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) on the above planning application. The following comments are offered as advice on transport issues for you to balance against other factors and are made in the context of TfGM's role in the planning process, as set out in the footnote below.

Background

The application seeks approval for a residential development comprising 57 dwelling houses and a 47-space car park, located at the former Mondi/Holcombe Mill site off Bridge Street in Ramsbottom, Bury.

¹TfGM does not have any planning powers and is not a statutory consultee in the planning process. The purpose of the advice offered is to suggest the best way to improve land use / transport integration through the development proposals. Advice is based on the information provided by the applicant, and it is not TfGM's role to undertake detailed verification unless specifically commissioned to do so. ²TfGM control and manage the traffic signals in Greater Manchester, as such any schemes that alter signalised junctions need to be agreed with TfGM. Additionally, where developments impact on



signalised junctions, TfGM have a duty of care to ensure that these impacts are satisfactorily mitigated as part of the planning process.

Highways

Overview

Colleagues from within TfGM HFAS (Highways Forecasting Analytical Services) and TfGM UTC (Urban Traffic Control) have reviewed the SCP_220419_Technical Note TfGM Comments_December2023 issued in support of the proposed development and have provided comments in respect of the relevant sections.

I. Traffic Counts

TfGM consider that the counted flows provided are outdated as they are over four years old. As such they cannot be accepted by TfGM. It is recommended that new counts should be collected, and the results also used to determine trip distribution.

TfGM have checked data from one of their permanent counts on the A56 Manchester Rd (Coordinates: 53.63892, -2.30341) and traffic levels in 2023 are higher than those recorded in 2019. TfGM would also highlight that the issue is not just about overall quantum of traffic but also the fact that there could be turning flow differences between counts collected in 2019.

II. Public Transport

The 'review' of the bus stops is too vague – this needs to be firmed – a 'review' could be done from Google Streetview. The response is insufficient.

III. Active Travel

Sections 32-33: 32/33 – the suggested wording in the planning condition should be provided.

Section 34 - 34 – the safety record of Bridge Street is not relevant. All measures should be taken to encourage walking as a safe and convenient mode of transport. The lack of a crossing on Bridge Street acts as a barrier for pedestrians and should be considered as necessary to ensure that crossing Bridge Street is safe; it isn't just walking it is also the ability to cross the road to use the bus.

I hope you find these comments useful in the determination of this planning application. Should you wish to discuss any matter further please do not hesitate to contact the Landuse team via the details below.

Yours faithfully



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