

Active Travel response

LPA Reference: 73354

ATE Reference: ATE/26/00971/PREAPP

Site Address: Land east of Walmersley Road, Bury, BL9 5JX

Proposal: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion Request and the EIA Scoping Report to support the proposed Outline planning application for mixed use development comprising up to 350 no. dwellings (including 50% affordable housing), employment/commercial floorspace, a local retail centre, mobility hub, public open space and associated infrastructure

Standing Advice

In relation to the above planning consultation, Active Travel England (ATE) currently offers a limited pre-application service for developments comprising 1,000 or more homes and/or a new school, where we are approached by the relevant local planning authority (LPA). On this basis, ATE is unable to provide bespoke advice on this development at the current time.

However, we have produced a standing advice note that summaries some of the key active travel criteria that ATE will assess when consulted on a formal application. Our standing advice can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/active-travel-england-sustainable-development-advice-notes>.

In addition, we would advise that the applicant's project team use ATE's Planning Application Assessment Toolkit ("the toolkit") to inform the design and infrastructure needs of this development. In particular, the toolkit helps to gather evidence and assess the active travel merits – walking, wheeling and cycling – of a development proposal. The toolkit can be downloaded from the government's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/active-travel-england-planning-application-assessment-toolkit>.

Please contact the team for any questions or clarifications on how to use the toolkit at: Planning-Advice@activetravelengland.gov.uk.