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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: , Wiltshire Council

Application Ref: PL/2026/02966
Site Address: BLACKMORE FARM, 287 SANDRIDGE ROAD NORTHEAST TO SANDRIDGE HILL, SANDRIDGE COMMON, SN12 7QS

Description of development: Outline planning application for the erection of up to 275 dwellings (including affordable housing), associated infrastructure, landscape and biodiversity enhancements, with all matters reserved except for the main access from Sandridge Common

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

a. **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.

1.0 Background

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a further response on the above planning application.

ATE issued a detailed consultation response on 26 June 2026, which recommended deferral pending further assessment, evidence and clarification on a number of active travel matters.

ATE understands the application has since been amended. ATE Also notes that Letter in response to consultees 20.08.26 has been produced which seeks to directly address the matters raised by ATE

Having reviewed the Letter alongside the other submitted material, ATE considers that matters raised in its original consultation response have been resolved in principle. ATE is therefore submitting a conditional approval response. Further context is provided below.

2.0 Areas of Concern

ATE concern	ATE position	Applicant response	ATE assessment
Connectivity with the consented site (PL/2023/11188)	Insufficient information provided to demonstrate that appropriate pedestrian and cycle connectivity/permeability between the application site and the adjacent consented development will be secured. Further detail required regarding the proposed boundary treatment between the two sites. ATE requested submission of a Movement and Access Parameter Plan to safeguard future pedestrian and cycle connections through the Reserved Matters process.	Applicant proposes to secure the connections serving the Phase 1 site through appropriately worded S106 planning obligations. The proposed development also provides an additional connection to MELKW40 through the southern part of the Site The Application does not propose a separate Movement and Access Parameter Plan, as the Composite Parameter Plan is considered sufficient to establish the proposed movement and access arrangements and associated parameters.	Connections to the adjacent development parcel remain critical to facilitating access to wider amenities and the surrounding bridleway network for cyclists and pedestrians. ATE's concerns are considered capable of being addressed through the submission of further details secured by condition.
Connectivity with Public Rights of Way Network (MELW40 MELW41)	Insufficient certainty that these links will be delivered because no Movement and Access Parameter Plan has been submitted.	The south-eastern corner of the Site is proposed for ecological habitat enhancement, incorporating a	As above, accepted subject to condition.

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	Concern that proposed routes appear to terminate within the site and do not clearly connect to Bridleway MELW41.	managed footpath which does not propose a direct connection to MELW41. However, the application provides several opportunities for enhanced connectivity up to the Applicants boundary.	
A3102 / Sandridge Common Road Site Access Design	ATE did not consider the proposed access arrangements fully accord with LTN 1/20. The proposal provides only a 2m footway along a 40mph A-road and does not provide appropriate cycling infrastructure for the traffic conditions in compliance with LTN 1/20.	There is insufficient space within Sandridge Common to accommodate a shared-use cycleway. The proposed development seeks to widen the existing footway to provide a 2 m-wide footway, connecting to the new footway to be provided as part of the Phase 1 development.	As above, accepted on condition that high quality walking and cycling connections are secured to the consented site (PL/2023/11188) to allow onward trips to the wider walking and cycling network.

3.0 Recommended Planning Conditions

Condition: Access points

Condition: No development shall commence until details of the site access points for pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with Parameter Plan – Composite proj: 25004 drg: 502 date: 19/08/26 rev: D have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development or any phase of the development, whichever is the sooner, shall not be occupied until the means of access for pedestrians and/or cyclists for the development or phase of development have been constructed in

accordance with the approved details which shall thereafter be retained for access purposes only.
Reason: In the interests of highway safety.