

Highways & Access

Site Access

Two options are being considered for providing access to the development, either a new roundabout junction on the Bromyard Road or a via an access under the viaduct linking directly to the Hereford Road/Leadon Way/New Mills Way roundabout. The most likely option at this stage is the first option .

The access options are being considered with regards to the potential environmental, technical road safety and capacity impacts and include on-going discussions with Network Rail in respect of the viaduct.

Pedestrian/Cycling Sustainability

It is proposed that a new footway will be constructed on the eastern side of Bromyard Road between the site and the Bromyard Road/Beggars Ash junction to link the site with the existing footway provision.

Additionally a shared footway/cycleway is to be provided in the southwest corner of the site through the viaduct to the Hereford Road/Leadon Way/New Mills Way roundabout. A new section of footway will also be provided on the northern side of Hereford Road between the roundabout and the Hereford Road/Saxon Way junction. These connections will link the development to the existing pedestrian/cycle infrastructure.

The landownerships in the south eastern corner of the site are also being investigated to identify whether an additional footway/cycleway can be provided (under the viaduct).

Traffic Impact

Scoping Discussions with Herefordshire County Council (HCC)

A scoping exercise has been undertaken with HCC to agree the inputs into the transport reports including the trip rates, distribution patterns, assessment years, committed development flows and study area.

The study area agreed with HCC includes the following junctions:

- Bromyard Road/Potential site access
- Hereford Road/Leadon Way/New Mills Way roundabout
- Hereford Road/Bromyard Road junction
- The Homend/Worcester Road/Southend/New Street junction.

The assessments of these junctions will also include for the traffic associated with all committed and relevant planned development for example the recently approved 321 residential units off Leadon Way, Ledbury.

In response to points raised by the highway authority, the potential for increased rat-running as a result of the development will be assessed, for example via the Bromyard Road/Beggars Ash and Homend/Knapp Lane Junctions.

