

Questions	Responses
<p data-bbox="203 236 613 268">From Councillor James Hunt</p> <p data-bbox="203 309 770 416">ITEM 2.4 19/501332/FULL Land At Pond Farm Grovehurst Road</p> <p data-bbox="203 459 949 632">The report acknowledges that the proposal creeps in to the ILCG. Could it be clearly shown at the meeting the relationship between the boundary of this proposal and that of 19/503974 please? This will give the committee a clearer idea of how both developments will link.</p> <p data-bbox="203 708 949 991">Could further detail be given on how the access to the site will work if this development comes forward? If Pond Farm development is built out prior to 19/503974 then there is a very different scenario with how pedestrians and vehicles deal with traffic on Grovehurst Road, due to the current speed limit of this road being 60mph. Some better understanding of all the proposals (proposed roundabout, A249 junction upgrades etc) is needed.</p>	<p data-bbox="974 459 2024 655">I have attached a plan which shows this relationship (members should note that this is an older layout version of the application site with a building shown in the north part of the site which has since been removed – but otherwise does show the relationship with surrounding proposed and existing developments), and also includes the approved care home on the east side of Sheppey Way, and the proposed development at Halfway Egg Farm which will.</p> <p data-bbox="974 699 2024 922">The application proposes a T junction access onto Grovehurst Road, and which has been assessed as compliant in respect of highways safety and design. If however the application on land to the east of Iwade is approved and developed, this would provide a roundabout on Grovehurst Road at the access to the Pond Farm site - and in this event the T junction design access for Pond Farm would be re-designed as an arm to this roundabout.</p> <p data-bbox="974 959 2024 1299">The Pond Farm scheme would also deliver footway widening improvements to the west side of Grovehurst Road to incorporate a shared cycleway / footpath that would connect the site (and the cycle route within the site in the southern area of open space) with the existing shared cycle / footway to the north of Pond Farm. The path would then merge with the existing footway near the junction with the existing roundabout. This would enable cyclists on Grovehurst Road to connect with Sheppey Way and to the National Cycle Network route 174 (which in turn provides designated cycling connections to Kemsley and Sittingbourne via Bramblefield Lane)</p>

	<p>The application also includes a financial contribution (£185,901) towards the Grovehurst Road / A249 improvement works. Members will be aware that substantial HIF funding was awarded to Kent County Council to improve this roundabout / junction, and public consultation is currently taking place on these proposals. The HIF funding (together with developer contributions) would deliver a second bridge across the A249 and enable the entire junction to operate as a single gyratory system. The proposals include delivery of a cycleway / footway which would connect Grovehurst Road with Swale Way and Grovehurst Road south (via controlled crossing points).</p>
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