

Questions	Responses
<p>From Councillor Mike Dendor</p> <p>ITEM 2.4 19/501332/FULL Land At Pond Farm Grovehurst Road</p> <p>I am slightly confused re the above application.</p> <p>Referring to:</p> <p>"2.02 Vehicular access to the site would be from Grovehurst Road. There would be no vehicle access onto the Old Sheppey Way. Pedestrian and vehicular access would be provided from the site onto both roads."</p> <p>The last sentence seems to contradict the first sentence! Could you please clarify.</p> <p>I note the following statement in the KCC consultation letter:</p> <p>"Two access points to Sheppey Way are now provided, one in the South Western Corner and one centrally located adjacent to the existing traffic calming and pedestrian refuge feature. A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit and tracking for a 12m bus and HGV have been submitted and reviewed. A 12m bus is able to be negotiate the new arrangement however it is very tight and therefore slight amendments would be expected through the Section 278 approval process....."</p>	<p>I can confirm that the only vehicular access is via Grovehurst Road. The second sentence of para. 2.02 should read "<i>Pedestrian and cycle access would be provided from the site onto both roads</i>". Reference by KCC Highways in its consultation response to bus / HGV tracking relates to works proposed on Sheppey Way to extend the pedestrian crossing island – which in turn tightens the road arrangements. I can confirm that there is no vehicular access onto Sheppey Way, and that no buses are proposed to run through the application site itself.</p> <p>Grovehurst Road is also the most direct connection to the strategic highway network, and the modelling demonstrates that the majority of trip distribution will be via Grovehurst Road and the A249.</p>

Is this the vehicular access from Sheppey Way as mentioned in 2.02. If so then the first sentence in 2.02 is incorrect. I presume the first sentence is referring to resident vehicular traffic.

The access from Sheppey Way, however does raise two further questions:-

- What is the rationale for the main entrance to the estate being on Grovehurst which I believe is going to be the busiest road, particularly with traffic coming off the A249 along a dedicated lane (after the junction improvements) at speed? Might it not be better for the main access being from Sheppey Way?
- If access from Sheppey Way is restricted to buses (and HGV) how is restriction going to be enforced (my thoughts are on the problems with the bus lane from Murston to Great Easthall estate)?