

Respondent ID: Michael Roberts 1105805

Subject: MIQ - Matter 3: Housing Site Allocations

Issue: 5.3: strategic and local infrastructure including transport

Site: H2.6 Southwick Court, Trowbridge

Access to site is proposed to be taken directly from A361. It is further proposed that emergency vehicular access would be provided, through enabling vehicular movement along one of the proposed pedestrian/cycle links, but access will be appropriately controlled, and secured through the detailed planning application.

Appendix 1, part of Savills representations 398/399, dated 07th November 2018 -Focussed Consultation on the Schedule of Proposed Changes and associated evidence documents, indicates that emergency access would be through Westmead Crescent.

Westmead Crescent is an existing part of Bradley Gardens development and is a typical housing estate road providing access to the Crescent, which is a cul de sac, and appears totally unsuitable for its planned use.

An emergency access, by definition, must enable free flowing movement. It is inconceivable that residents would not try to use it as main access to and from eastern side of Trowbridge rather than driving to junction off A361.

Similarly, the roads proposed could provide drivers with a short cut from A361 to shops and services off A363, Bradley Road and A350.

I consider the site not justified because access is compromised. Western side of proposed site was considered unable to be developed so planned main access road crosses fields and flood plain to reach housing. Emergency access road may then become route of choice for residents travelling to Trowbridge and A350.

Any emergency access to proposed site from northern boundary will present a similar scenario which makes H2.6 not viable and it should be removed from WHSAP.