

## **RESPONSE FROM BLOOR HOMES IN RESPECT OF BUS INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT PREPARED BY LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 3rd April inviting comments from Bloor Homes on the bus infrastructure matters raised in the Town Council's response dated October 2022. Our comments are as follows:

At the outset we wish to stress that our reserved matters application seeks planning approval for specific detailed matters in respect of our Phase 1 housing scheme, namely the 'layout', 'scale', 'appearance' and 'landscaping' of the proposals. As such, the scope of the application does not extend to 'in principle' matters relating to the site's accessibility to the town centre and other destinations by bus, which instead were material planning considerations at the outline planning application stage.

That said, we have designed the spine road within the Phase 1 layout with a minimum carriageway width of 6.2m which will enable bus access into the development. The configuration of the Phase 1 area is such that it accommodates only a relatively short length of the spine road. A much greater length of spine road and any loop will be designed into the next phase/s of the development (subject to a future reserved matters application/s); and in practice there is no reason why infrastructure in the form of bus stops and flags for instance cannot be integrated into the technical design, if deemed necessary by Herefordshire Council Highways.

We would like to make two further points relating to this matter:

- As part of our Phase 1 proposals and at an early stage in the delivery of the development, we will be providing a foot / cycle path connection to Hereford Road via Ballard Close which will enable residents of the development and visitors to access the bus stops on Hereford Road.
- We are required by condition 23 of the outline planning permission to produce a Travel Plan which will contain measures to promote alternative sustainable means of transport for residents and visitors with respect to the development. We are required to produce the Travel Plan prior to the commencement of any above ground works associated with the first phase of residential development.

We trust the above is helpful to Town Councillors, and needless to say we would be happy to answer any further questions relating to the development