

Hayfield Homes

Land at Berrow Green Road, Martley,
Worcestershire

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Inquiry Note

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1 Response to Third Party

- 1.1 This document is an Inquiry Note for the benefit of the Planning Inspector following comments made by Dr Stuart Cumella in a document titled 'Note on travel'. It should be noted that this document does not represent formal evidence and is provided to aid the Planning Inspector. All points in the document titled 'Note on travel' have previously been dealt with through either the Transport Statement (TS), Travel Plan (TP), Statement of Common Ground (SCG), the Response to Third Parties Technical Note (RTR) and through verbal evidence at the Inquiry. So I just respond to the point regarding claimed deficiencies in the travel data.

Some of the other travel data needs to be amended. The list of bus services (Table 2.1) is based on a national database which can give unreliable results. For instance, it mysteriously includes as a local service the 420 service between Bromyard and Hereford (both several kilometres from Martley), and double counts services which run alternatively on school days or non-school days. Bus services from Martley are in case of limited use for most residents. Buses are used by many students travelling to the Sixth Form College and the Technical College in Worcester, but by few people at other times of the day. From personal experience, most journeys from Martley during daytimes collect only two or three passengers in the village. It is not possible to use a bus to visit family on Sundays (when there is no service), to go out to Worcester in the evening (when there is no service) or to go to work (because the last bus leaves Worcester at 1745). It is therefore not surprising that the 2021 Census found that only 0.2% of travel to work journeys from Martley Parish were by bus.

- 1.2 Bus service details set out in the TS and SCG are obtained from the national bus provider Traveline, and cross checked against local data, such as the First Worcestershire bus service website. Following claims at the Inquiry that the 420 service does not run through Martley, I have investigated further and it does appear that the 420 does run through the village. Timetable information has been extracted from the DRM website and is attached within this report, a link to the website is also provided - <http://drmbus.com/timetables/>. This is a restricted service and it should be noted that the TS and SCG do not rely on this service to justify the suitability development, as references in the text are made to Worcester only, however it is clear that the 420 serves Martley.
- 1.3 Also attached to this report are the bus services run by First Worcestershire, with a link provided - <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/worcestershire/plan-journey/timetables?service=310&day=mf>. This data demonstrates that there are services from Martley towards Worcester from 07:20 running until 18:31 and services from Worcester to Martley which depart Worcester from 06:45 until 17:45. On this basis, it is still clear that Martley is well served by public transport by First Worcestershire, and assertions made by third parties during the inquiry were factually incorrect.



The travel plan in the Statement of Common Ground overstates opportunities for cycling in the village, where cycling is rare because of the danger involved in cycling along narrow lanes occupied by wide motor vehicles and because of the hilly local terrain. As an example, the distance on a map to the Apple Tree Kitchen and Restaurant is 4.4km (as shown in Table 2.2), but would involve a climb of 30 metres, followed by a swift and dangerous descent of 65 metres, followed by another climb of 45 metres. Martley is a popular location for competitive cycling because of the challenges it presents, but these challenges rule out cycle travel for almost everyone else.

In the absence of an effective local bus service or the possibility of cycling, people in Martley overwhelmingly use cars, as would residents in the proposed development. The National Travel Survey shows that 60% of households in rural villages have access to two or more motor vehicles and 33% to one vehicle, while only 7% do not have a car. This compares with 32% of households in urban conurbations who do not have a car and only 23% who have more than one car. People in rural villages make 80% more car journeys/year than people in urban conurbations, and travel a mean of 2.5 times further in each journey. The proposed housing would therefore be yet another car-dependent suburban estate, albeit one in a rural location with longer travel distances and a greater negative impact on our national Net Zero Strategy.

1.4 The SCG is clear that distances to facilities and amenities are indicatively measured from the centre of the site using Google Maps measuring software. The distances in the SCG are utilised to provide a summary between the Appeal Site and committed development. The TS provides a more detailed analysis which reviews not only the distance to facilities, but also the journey times. The journey times take account of gradient and are adjusted appropriately.

1.5 The Local Transport Note (LTN) 1/20: Cycle Infrastructure Design, produced by the DfT states the following at paragraph 2.2.2:

'Two out of every three personal trips are less than five miles in length – an achievable distance to cycle for most people'.

1.6 Furthermore, the NTS 2023 (Table NTS0303) notes that the average cycle trip is approximately 3 miles (4.8km). Therefore, all facilities within Martley are within 5 miles and 3 miles distances specified above. The SCG references facilities within 8km, as per paragraph 1.10, but all facilities are within 4.3km, with the facilities within the village being within 1.2km. On this basis, it is reasonable to suggest that trips to facilities from the Appeal Site can be made by cycling.



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- 1.7 It is not clear which data in the NTS is referred to here, however car ownership is not in dispute, and parking provision will be provided in accordance with WCC standards at RM stage. Furthermore, vehicle trips from the site have been determined using industry standard software, and a consistent assessment with committed development, as set out in the TS.
- 1.8 In summary, this Inquiry Note has robustly responded to comments made by Dr Stuart Cumella in a document titled 'Note on travel'. The comments are largely supposition, with misleading comments around travel survey data. I trust this note is useful to the Planning Inspector.

Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

Service Number	Note	SD	SH	SD	SH								SH	SD	
		310	310	314	310	310	315	310	311	310	316	313	310	310	310
Sixth Form College		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1625	—
Worcester Bus Station		0645	0710	0800	0815	0920	0935	1040	1140	1240	1340	1425	1645	1645	1745
Himbleton Road		0652	0718	0809	0824	0929	0944	1049	—	1249	1349	1434	1653	1653	1753
Rushwick, Claphill Lane		—	—	—	—	—	—	1150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crown East, Church		—	—	—	—	—	—	1153	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Broadheath Common- Crossroads		—	—	—	—	—	—	1156	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hallow, Crown Inn		—	—	0814	—	—	0949	—	—	—	—	1439	—	—	—
Lower Broadheath, Bell Inn		0657	0723	—	0829	0934	0954	1054	1159	1254	1354	—	1658	1658	1758
Hallow, Crown Inn		—	—	—	—	—	◆	—	—	—	1359	—	—	—	—
Grimley, Telephone Box		—	—	0818	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	▲	—	—	—
Sinton Green, Bus Shelter		—	—	0820	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1444	—	—	—
Wichenford Masons Arms		0704	0730	—	0835	0940	—	1100	1205	1300	—	—	1708	1708	1808
Monkwood Green, Post Box		—	—	0823	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1447	—	—	—
Wichenford, Venn Lane		—	—	0825	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1449	—	1711	—
Wichenford, Masons Arms		—	—	0828	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1452	—	—	—
Martley, Housing Estate		—	—	—	—	—	—	1103	1208	1303	—	1457	1711	1720	1811
Chantry School		—	—	0835	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Martley, Crown Inn		0707	0733	0840	0838	0943	—	1105	1210	1305	—	1459	1713	1722	1813
Clifton-upon-Teme, Lion Inn		0713	0740	0846	0845	0950	—	1111	1216	1311	—	1506	1720	1728	1820
Clifton-upon-Teme, Manor Road		—	0742	0848	0847	0952	—	1113	1218	1313	—	1508	1722	—	1822
Upper Sapey, Crossroads		0720	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1735	—
Hanley Broadheath, Fox Inn		0723	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1738	—

Notes: SD - Schooldays only SH - School Holidays only ◆ - This journeys continues to Worcester Bus Station at 1007 and calls at Himbleton Road at 0959.

▲ - This journeys continues to Worcester Bus Station at 1412 and calls at Himbleton Road at 1404.

Saturday (except Public Holidays)

Service Number	310	310	311	311	313	310	310
Worcester Bus Station	0840	1010	1140	1255	1425	1600	1745
Himbleton Road	0848	1018	—	—	1434	1609	1754
Rushwick, Claphill Lane	—	—	1150	1305	—	—	—
Crown East, Church	—	—	1153	1308	—	—	—
Broadheath Common- Crossroads	—	—	1156	1311	—	—	—
Lower Broadheath, Bell Inn	0853	1023	1159	1314	—	1614	1759
Hallow, Crown Inn	—	—	—	—	1439	—	—
Sinton Green, Bus Shelter	—	—	—	—	1444	—	—
Church Lane	—	—	1202	—	—	—	—
Monkwood Green, Post Box	—	—	—	—	1447	—	—
Wichenford, Venn Lane	—	—	—	—	1449	—	—
Wichenford, Masons Arms	0859	1029	—	1322	1452	1620	1805
Martley, Housing Estate	—	—	—	1327	1457	1623	1808
Martley, Crown Inn	0904	1034	—	1329	1459	1625	1810
Clifton-upon-Teme, Lion Inn	0911	1041	—	1336	1506	1631	1816
Clifton-upon-Teme, Manor Road	0913	1043	—	1338	1508	1633	1818

No service Sunday or Public Holidays

Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

Note Service number	SD		SH								SD		SH		SD	
	310	310	310	311	315	313	310	311	310	316	314	310	310	310	310	
Hanley Broadheath, Fox Inn	—	0729	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1740	—
Upper Sapey, Crossroads	—	0732	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1743	—
Clifton-upon-Teme, Manor Road	—	—	0743	0850	—	0953	1113	1223	1313	—	1511	1513	1723	—	1822	—
Clifton-upon-Teme, Lion Inn	—	0739	0745	0852	—	0955	1115	1225	1315	—	1513	1515	1725	1750	1824	—
Martley, Crown Inn	0720	—	0752	0859	—	1002	1122	1232	1322	—	1521	1522	1732	1757	1831	—
Martley, Housing Estate	—	0747	0755	0902	—	1004	1125	1235	1325	—	—	1525	—	—	—	—
Chantry School	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1530	—	—	—	—	—
Martley, Crown Inn	—	0748	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wichenford, Venn Lane	—	0757	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wichenford, Masons Arms	0723	0800	0800	0907	—	1008	1130	1240	1330	—	1537	1530	1735	1800	1834	—
Wichenford, Venn Lane	—	—	—	—	—	1011	—	—	—	—	1540	—	—	—	—	—
Monkwood Green, Post Box	—	—	—	—	—	1013	—	—	—	—	1542	—	—	—	—	—
Sinton Green, Bus Shelter	—	—	—	—	—	1016	—	—	—	—	1544	—	—	—	—	—
Grimley, Telephone Box	—	—	—	—	◆	—	—	—	—	—	1547	—	—	—	—	—
Crown Inn	—	—	—	—	0949	1021	—	—	—	▲	1551	—	—	—	—	—
Lower Broadheath, Bell Inn	0733	0810	0810	0913	0954	—	1136	1246	1336	1354	—	1536	1741	1807	1840	—
Broadheath Common Crossroads	—	—	—	0916	—	—	—	1249	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crown East, Church	—	—	—	0919	—	—	—	1252	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rushwick, Claphill Lane	—	—	—	0922	—	—	—	1255	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hallow, Crown Inn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1359	—	—	—	—	—
Himbleton Road	0738	0815	0815	—	0959	1026	1141	—	1341	1404	1556	1541	1746	1812	1845	—
Worcester Bus Station	0746	0825	0823	0931	1007	1035	1149	1304	1349	1412	1604	1549	1755	1819	1853	—
Sixth Form College	—	0840	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Notes: SD - Schooldays only SH - School Holidays only ◆ - This journey starts from Worcester Bus Station at 0935 and calls at Himbleton Road at 0944.
▲ - This journey starts from Worcester Bus Station at 1340 and calls at Himbleton Road at 1349.

Saturday (except Public Holidays)

Service number	310	311	313	310	311	310	310	310
Clifton-upon-Teme, Manor Road	0759	0918	1043	—	1340	1508	1633	1821
Clifton-upon-Teme, Lion Inn	0801	0920	1045	—	1342	1510	1635	1823
Martley, Crown Inn	0808	0927	1052	—	1349	1517	1642	1830
Martley, Housing Estate	0810	0929	1054	—	1351	—	—	—
Wichenford Masons Arms	0815	0934	1058	—	1356	1522	1645	1833
Wichenford, Venn Lane	—	—	1101	—	—	—	—	—
Church Lane	—	—	—	1205	—	—	—	—
Monkwood Green, Post Box	—	—	1103	—	—	—	—	—
Sinton Green, Bus Shelter	—	—	1106	—	—	—	—	—
Lower Broadheath, Bell Inn	0822	0941	—	1208	1403	1529	1651	1839
Broadheath Common Crossroads	—	0944	—	—	1406	—	—	—
Crown East, Church	—	0947	—	—	1409	—	—	—
Rushwick, Claphill Lane	—	0950	—	—	1412	—	—	—
Hallow, Crown Inn	—	—	1111	—	—	—	—	—
Himbleton Road	0827	—	1116	1213	—	1534	1656	1844
Worcester Bus Station	0835	0959	1125	1221	1421	1542	1705	1851

No service Sunday or Public Holidays

Timetable from 7th August 2022

420 Bromyard - Hereford

Bromyard - Hereford	Mon-Sat NSD	(A) CDO	Mon - Sat	Mon - Sat	Mon - Sat
Great Witley		0710			
Martley		0715			
Suckley Turn		0726			
Whitbourne		0730			
Bromyard Pump Street	0730		1140	1430	1700
Bromyard Tower Hill		0745			
Flaggoners Green	0733	0748	1143	1433	1703
Burley gate	0743	0758	1153	1443	1713
Cross Keys	0748	0803	1158	1448	1718
Withington V Hall	0753		1203	1453	1723
Whitstone					
St Marys School		('0825)			
Bishops School		0820			
Aylestone Hill	0800				
Hereford Bus Station	0805		1215	1503	1735
ST Peters Square			1218		
Notes	CDO = Runs Hereford College Days only			No Services run on Bank Holidays	
SDO = Runs School days only	A= Bus starts journey from Grt Witley				
NSD = Runs on Non School Days	Terminates in St Marys School Grounds				

Timetable from 7th August 2022

420 - Hereford -Bromyard

Hereford - Bromyard	Mon-Fri	Mon - Sat	(B)SDO	Mon-Sat NSD	CDO	Mon - Sat	Monday to Friday 476/420	Saturday Only 476/420
St Marys School			1520				See note C	See Note D
Bishops School			1525					
Hereford Bus Station	0855	1055	1610	1610		1745	1915	2315
ST Peters Square	0900	1100						
Broadlands Lane			1615	1615	1630			
Withington Village Hall	0910	1110	1620	1620		1755		
Cross Keys	0915	1115	1625	1625	1640	1800		
Burley Gate	0920	1120	1630	1630	1645	1805	2015	0015
Flaggoners Green	0930	1130	1640	1640		1815		
Bromyard- Winslow Road								
Bromyard Tower Hill	0940		1645	1645	1655	1817	2030	0030
Bromyard Pump Street		1140						
Whitbourne					REQ			
Suckley Turn					1710			
Martley					1715			
Great Witley					1720			
Notes	B= This Bus starts journey from Inside St Marys School grounds and picks up at Bishops School on main road. CDO = Runs on Hereford College days only SDO = Runs on School days only. NSD = Runs on Non School Days						No Services operate on Bank Holidays	
C= Bromyard - Mondays to Friday Passengers for Bromyard catch 476 departing Hereford Bus Station.1915 Stay on Bus at Ledbury travels via Burley Gate 2015 Terminates Bromyard Tower Hill 2025 D Bromyard - Saturday Only Passengers for Bromyard catch 476 departing Hereford at 2315 stay on bus at Ledbury travels Via Burley Gate 0010 Terminates Bromyard Tower Hill 0015								

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Sundays only from 7th August 2022

420 Bromyard-Hereford

Winslow Road	0900		
Bromyard Pump Street	0915	1140	1440
Bromyard Tower Hill	0916	1141	1441
Flaggoners Green	0918	1143	1433
Burley gate	0930	1153	1453
Cross Keys	0935	1158	1458
Withington V Hall	0940	1203	1503
Hereford Bus Station	0950	1213	1510
ST Peters Square	0952	1215	

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Sundays only from 7th August 2022

420 Hereford -Bromyard

Hereford Bus Station	1055	1325	1610
ST Peters Square	1100	1330	-----
Withington Village Hall	1110	1340	1620
Cross Keys	1115	1345	1625
Burley Gate	1120	1350	1630
Flaggoners Green	1130	1400	1640
Winslow Road	Req	-----	-----
Bromyard Tower Hill	Req	1410	1643
Bromyard Pump Street	1140		

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