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## **West Winch Housing Access Road - Planning application Response - FUL/2024/0001**

**Land to the east of West Winch Village, King's Lynn: Development of 3.5km of new single lane access road known as the West Winch Housing Access Road (WWHAR), with a new roundabout junction between the WWHAR and the A47 trunk road providing access to the planned Hardwick Green development.**

Active Norfolk have reviewed the supporting reports and documents, in particular the Sustainable Transport Strategy (STS), and we would welcome being informed of significant committee dates and decisions reached.

Sport England Active Design Guidance was used to assess our level of support. This guidance sets out how the design of our environments can help people to lead more physically active and healthy lives <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/active-design>

The following Principles are of particular relevance to the STS.

- Activity for all
- Walkable communities
- Providing connected active travel routes
- High-quality streets and spaces

We were unable to confirm if the proposal met the principles of good Active Design, as it was unclear what measures were being included in this development and what would be included within next phases of the development. Equally it was unclear on timings of proposed phasing of the development and of the road, The Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) was referenced, which should provide well connected active travel routes, however we are uncertain if the key corridors within the LCWIP would be brought up to sufficient standard for a variety of users. In particular how they would navigate the Hardwick A47 junction, and access the proposed mobility hub and key services.

In summary, we would welcome further clarification of what measures will be taken forward and how they ensure this will be a walkable community, with connected active travel routes, and will contain high-quality streets and spaces for all. These are required for us to be confident this supports active travel and encourages active travel wherever possible.

Kind Regards

Active Norfolk