

Head of Transportation and Smarter Travel

Having now had the opportunity to catch up with the officers dealing with the application I have the following points to note:

- The Highways Authority's position is one of recommendation for approval. If the committee were minded to object I must advise caution on the basis of highways as there is no defensible position at any appeal given that the development is on private land and will not be adopted as highway
- Plus added to the above and following assessment of the application the Highways Authority are content that there are no capacity or safety concerns (taking into account the existing development at Maltings Park Road) in connecting to the formally adopted highway network at Colchester Road.
- The Highways Authority note the content of 'the traffic report' prepared but given that the quantum of development is low i.e. 26 dwellings there are no safety and capacity concerns in motorised traffic accessing the adopted highway network at Colchester Road through the existing development along Maltings Park Road.
- Following on from above the most appropriate access is on to Colchester Road with good visibility and right hand turning facilities. The Highways Authority has made this point clear in its consultation response that access to Armoury Road would be pedestrian only.

On the basis of the above I don't think it is relevant that a Highways Officer be present at the Committee tomorrow evening given that the Highways Authority are satisfied that it has discharged its duty in assessing this application.

Apologies that I cannot be of further assistance in this case.

Construction traffic will be discussed as part of the Construction Method Statement as outlined in point 9 of the recommendation letter, post application, again unfortunately this does not represent solid enough ground for an objection.