

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Appeal by Catesby Estates

***Land South of Burford Road,
Minster Lovell***

Summary Proof of Evidence on Transport and Accessibility

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on behalf of the Appellant

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- 1.1 My name is Dave Neale. I am an Associate Director of DTA Transportation Ltd, Transportation Planning Consultants. My professional qualifications and relevant experiences are set out within Section 1 of my proof.
- 1.2 I have been instructed by Catesby Estates since 2022 and have provided advice on access to the site and offsite impacts. I have prepared this appeal statement. I also prepared the original transport assessment submitted in support of the planning application.
- 1.3 Oxfordshire County Council ("OCC") as Local Highway Authority ("LHA") confirmed on the 16th February 2023 that they had no objections to the application subject to appropriate conditions and obligations.
- 1.4 Through the transport assessment and subsequent technical note, it has been demonstrated that the site is in an accessible location, within walking distance to local facilities and bus stops. There are no highway safety issues that would be affected by the proposed development and the site can deliver safe and suitable access for all.
- 1.5 Furthermore, the forecast traffic generation would not result in any material impact on the operation of the local and wider highway network. No technical evidence has been presented to challenge these conclusions.
- 1.6 Ultimately, the test set by the NPPF in respect of applications is that they should only be refused if the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.
- 1.7 This evidence concludes that the appeal scheme is fully consistent with the requirements of Paragraphs 114 / 115 of the NPPF and Policy T1 and T3 of the Local Plan in that it maximises opportunities from walking, cycling and use of public transport.
- 1.8 Sustainable access, highway safety and traffic impact issues have been fully tested through a comprehensive Transport Assessment process. These documents are agreed with the LHA.
- 1.9 On this basis, it is clear that there are no highway or transportation reasons why planning consent should be withheld.



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