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To complete this submission, you will need:

- evidence of landowner support
- site address
- a site plan

Are you submitting a new site, submitting an amendment or commenting on an existing submission?

I am submitting a new site

I am submitting an amendment to an existing site submission

I am making a comment on an existing site submission

## Contact details

Title

Mr

Pronoun

First name

Robert

Surname

Hopwood

Name of organisation (if applicable) (optional)

Bidwells

Address line 1 (optional)

Bidwell House

Address line 2 (optional)

Trumpington Road

Address line 3 (optional)

Cambridge

Address line 4 (optional)

Postcode

CB2 9LD

**Daytime telephone number**

[REDACTED]

**Email**

[REDACTED]

**Please indicate your status**

Landowner

Developer

Land agent

Registered provider

Planning consultant

Other

**Landowner contact details**

**Landowner title (optional)**

**Landowner name**

[REDACTED]

**Landowner organisation (if applicable) (optional)**

Bidwells

**Landowner organisation address (if applicable) (optional)**

C/o Planning Consultant

**Landowner organisation postcode (optional)**

CB2 9LD

**Landowner email**

[REDACTED]

**Landowner telephone**

[REDACTED]

**Is there more than 1 landowner?**

No

Yes

**Have all landowners been informed of this submission?**

No

Yes

**Do all landowners support this submission?**

No

Yes

**Are there any issues that would prevent council officers to undertake a site visit?**

No

Yes

## Amendment to existing site submission

HELAA (Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment) reference number  
40325

If you don't know your reference number, please locate it on the [HELAA reference map](#).

**Please provide a brief summary of the proposed amendments to the site**

To include in the box for Strategic Highways Impact

It has been noted that Highways impacts were considered in consultation with Highways England (for the Strategic Road Network) and Cambridgeshire County Council (as the local highway authority).

Work with Highways England (now named National Highways) agreed an overall approach to assessing the impact of proposals on the strategic road network (M11, A11, A14, and A428). Based upon junction capacity, a zonal approach was developed to consider the potential impact of sites according to which part of the strategic road network they were connected to. While most sites fall within a single Highways England zonal area, a number of sites had to be apportioned to a single zone dependent on which zone the majority of the site fell under. The 'A14 Cambridge Northern Bypass' and 'M11 North' zones were considered to be the only zones with no capacity for growth where sites would need to ensure no net increase in vehicles trips on the strategic road network.

The Councils collaborated with Highways England to agree an approach to assessing the impact of proposals on the strategic road network.

This assessment was based upon the capacity of junctions, as these are the pinch points on the road network which causes traffic congestion. A catchment area or zone was agreed with Highways England, as shown on the map below. These zones are drawn around each junction on the strategic road network to reflect the catchment area or roads which feed into those junctions.

Each zone was assigned a Red, Amber, Green (RAG) score according to how the junctions perform in terms of their capacity to accommodate additional traffic.

Development proposals fall within these zones and is assessed according to the criteria in the table below.

3 A14

Cambridge

Northern Bypass Red No capacity for growth. Sites would need to ensure no net increase in vehicles trips on the Strategic Road Network.

Zones 3 'A14 Cambridge Northern Bypass' and 8 'M11 North' were considered to be the only zones with no capacity for growth, and scored Red. This does not rule out sites at this stage. However, to be acceptable in planning terms development proposals within these zones will need to demonstrate (through a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan) no net increase in vehicles trips on the strategic road network.

Similarly, proposals within Cambridge (Zone 1) will need to minimise their vehicular traffic to minimise impact on the strategic road network. This is consistent with the approach already being applied to many larger sites using a 'trip

budget'.

In response to the above very generalized approach to impact on the strategic highway network it should be noted that site 40325-Thorpe is on the Huntingdon rd within an urban area on the cusp of area 1 but within the boundary of area 3. Given the site's urban location the site has the advantage of being on the main road into Cambridge which has the benefits of bus, existing designated cycle and pedestrian infrastructure modal choice. The bus stop into Cambridge is 40m from the front of the site and the bus stop out of Cambridge 100m from the front of the site. Bus routes available from the site are 1A, 1B, 5, 349, 350 C5, C6 and a number of schools and colleges stops. Thus, this particular site must be given individual consideration as the council assessment methodology does specifically state that for general zone 3 individual sites should 'not be ruled out at this stage.'

We hope that the urban locational attributes of this site carry sufficient weight over rural locations which do not have the adjoining transport connectivity advantages which results in a sustainable transport location.

**Has the site boundary changed?**

No

Yes

**Are you submitting new accompanying evidence for the site?**

No

Yes

**Are you amending any of the other previous information provided?**

No

Yes

Your ref no: RWXMHMGG

## Declaration

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## Declaration

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