

Development Services

Memo

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From: Transport Planning Unit

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Our Ref: TP1000M/KS **Your Ref:** P/20/0530/FUL

Application No. P/20/0530/FUL
Proposal Erection of 23 Flatted Dwellings
Location Land to the West of 14 King Street, Thornhill Road, Falkirk.

Please find the following comments from the Transport Planning Unit (TPU):-

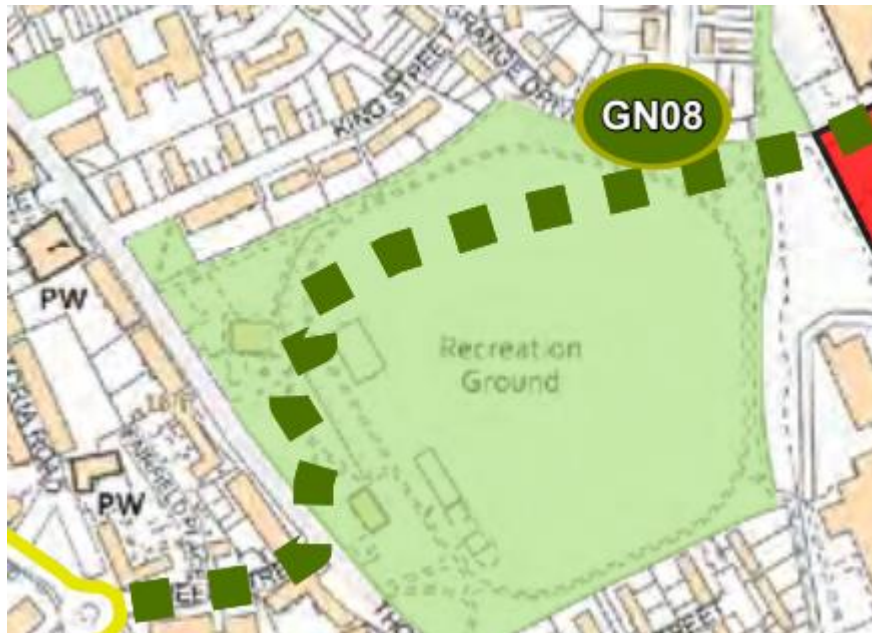
1. Pedestrian and cycle accessibility

- 1.1. The supporting Design and Access Statement confirms that one cycle parking space will be provided per flat, and that each block has a secure, sheltered cycle store room with easy access.
- 1.2. However, the existing connecting links between Thornhill Road and Victoria Park, and around Victoria Park to the east of the site have only been designed as 2m pedestrian links. It is TPU's view that these links should be designed for shared pedestrian/cycle use with a minimum width of 3m, in line with current guidance. This is particularly relevant for the connecting path between Thornhill Road and Victoria Park where the current width is already largely in excess of 3m.
- 1.3. It is also particularly relevant, given that the Council is now looking to develop a Strategic Green Corridor through Victoria Park in the future as part of the Helix/Falkirk Town Centre Green Corridor (proposal GN08 in the current LDP2).

This Corridor will provide an opportunity to improve access to The Helix and to Falkirk Town Centre through the creation of a new open space corridor and strategic access route.

Whilst an indicative alignment through Victoria Park is shown on the following LDP2 extract, opportunities to develop potential shared pedestrian/cycle connecting links, such as the link between Thornhill

Road and Victoria Park and around Victoria Park to the east of the site, should be safeguarded



2. Bus accessibility

- 2.1 Existing bus stops on Thornhill Road and Bruce Street are within the required 400m walking threshold and are currently served by bus service F14, which provides an hourly service to Falkirk Town Centre, Falkirk High Railway Station and employment opportunities at Middlefield/Etna Road.

3. Parking

- 3.1 Car parking within the site should be provided to the satisfaction of the Roads Development Team

4. Travel Pack

- 4.1 The supporting Design and Access Statement confirms that new residents will be provided with a Sustainable Travel Pack. This can be conditioned subject to the pack being agreed and distributed prior to occupation, in line with the Council's Travel Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance.

We trust you will find these comments of use.