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- 1. From the junction with Squirrel Lane, at the eastern end, and the A49 junction is a distance of approximately half a mile. This area will encompass the two sites designated as described above, the Eco Park with some 400 employees and the Park and Ride depot. There is no pedestrian foot path on the north side of the Sheet Road but only a limited length on the south side with no safe pedestrian crossing point. When travelling towards the A49, and immediately before the proposed new entrance, the road rises and bends to the right. This prevents a clear sight line for any pedestrian attempting to cross the road and gain access to the pavement. In addition, the new 68 houses could easily add more than 100 cars and vehicles at this point. With the addition of the large commercial site HGV's would also require access at this point.
- 2. Sheet Road is a link between Caynham, Clee Hill and the Bishop Hooper School at Ashford Carbonell.
- 3. Residents have considerable concerns regarding speeding with a recent, police speed check registering an average of 38.4 mph in a 30 mph zone.
- 4. With the likelihood of an overcrowded junction onto the A49 commuters may turn to using Squirrel Lane in order to gain access to Clee Hill or Rocks Green. The lane is unlit and very narrow. There have been recent incidents of vehicular damage to Ledwyche Bridge, which lies within Bromfield Parish.

#### **Conclusions.**

The Travel Plan included with this application does not reflect the reality of pedestrian access for families to facilities such as local schools, shops and medical facilities all of which would require a vehicle for access. Consequently the details provided fail to recognise the likely number of vehicle movements from this development, especially at the busiest times of the day, all using the only site entrance

Ludford Parish Council draws these issues to your attention and requests that Shropshire Council Highways department considers an appropriate highway plan for the area to mitigate these issues and plans ahead to provide a safe and acceptable environment. This should include the addition of a pelican crossing, pavement extension and environmentally sensitive street lighting. Further alterations may be needed in terms of road signage and speed enforcement signs.

### Site layout.

Previous plans included small scale industrial units and a maximum number of 80 residential units. Ludford Parish Council notes that both of these elements have been changed and that the site is purely residential. These changes are a considerable improvement and should enable a more harmonious integration with the existing built environment.

#### Public Open Space.

The areas of public open space to the rear of the site will provide a buffer zone between the electricity substation and those few properties that lie behind the site. However, the verges and trees along the main route are not so designated and Ludford Parish Council require clarification as to the management of all such green areas. Ludford Parish Council will not accept responsibility for the maintenance of any such areas.

#### **Community Infrastructure.**

It is noted that Shropshire Council's Learning and Skills officers current forecasts show that the local primary school(s) will be close to capacity by 2026, i.e. the current plan period. There does not appear to be any comment from Shropshire Council as to how learning and skills, social care and medical facilities will be enhanced to maintain access and good standards for their additional residents.