Proposed residential development
Westmoreland Road, Moulton



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Ashley King (Developments) Ltd is an established local house builder specialising in first time buyer and modest family homes throughout South Holland, Fenland and West Norfolk.

1.2 This Transport Statement accompanies a full planning application by Ashley King (Developments) Ltd for the development of a site off Westmoreland Road, Moulton.

1.3 The proposal seeks to develop the site to provide a private and affordable residential scheme comprising of thirty nine 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom homes, together with associated parking, private and communal amenity space. The proposal at its heart aims to create an affordable, sustainable high quality development that will contribute to the settlement of Moulton.

1.4 This statement forms part of a series of reports and documents submitted in support of the planning application.



2.0 Existing Conditions

Site Location

2.1 The application proposals relate to the development of a 'Greenfield' site abutting the Defined Settlement Limits of Moulton village. The site is accessed from Broad Lane one of the main routes into Moulton village centre. The site also has pedestrian access from Westmoreland Road to the eastern boundary of the site.

Existing Usage

2.2 The site is currently used as an agricultural field and laid to crop.

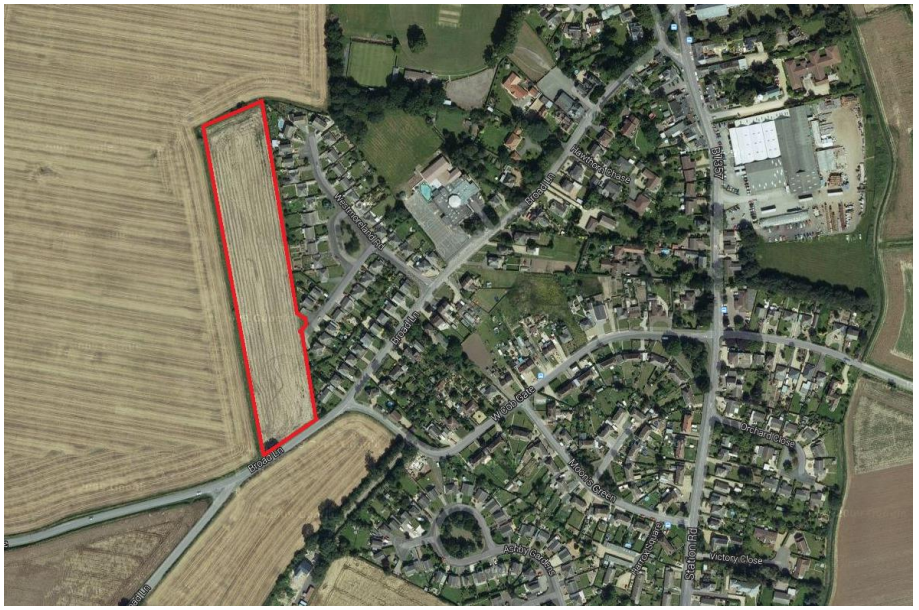
2.3 To the east the site currently borders onto the rear fences of an adjacent residential development built in the 1980's.

2.4 Existing landscaping is apparent to the northern and western boundaries which provide a buffer to the surrounding open fields. The site borders open countryside to the north and west with a drain defining the boundary.

Local Area

2.5 Moulton is one of the larger village settlements in the South Holland District and as such offers considerable amenities to its residents, such as:

- retail shops and services;
- primary education facilities;
- sports facilities and public houses;
- employment opportunities;
- good links to public transport;
- good links to surrounding villages, towns and the city of Peterborough.



Westmoreland Road/ Broad Lane, Moulton

2.6 The proposed site lies to the south-west of the main village centre with shops, services, schools and public transport links all within walking distance of the site.

Local Highway Network

2.7 Broad Lane is the main route from the south-west to the centre of Moulton providing key access to adjacent residential and commercial areas.

2.8 On a local scale, the site is accessible from Broad Lane and Westmoreland Road which is a predominantly residential road. The carriageway has a minimum width of 5.5m and is served by footpaths on at least one side of the carriageway.

3.0 Proposed Development

3.1 This section establishes the level of proposed development and its relationship with regard to sustainable travel methods.

The proposal seeks to redevelop the site to provide a private and affordable residential scheme comprising of thirty nine 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes, together with associated parking, private and communal amenity space. The proposal at its heart aims to create an affordable, sustainable high quality development that will contribute to the village of Moulton.

Walking

3.2 It is accepted that the most sustainable method of travel is walking, and as such new residents will be encouraged to make good use of local facilities within the village centre.

The site will be served with new public footpaths which provide access to Westmoreland Road together with Broad Lane and in turn the village centre facilities and public transport links.

Cycling

3.3 Each new home will be provided with a private garden to allow residents to store their cycles by whatever means they wish. It is felt that by encouraging the use of cycles on short journeys the need for residents to use their cars will be reduced.

Cycling is also seen as a key leisure pastime as well as an aid to improving health and wellbeing of participants. To that end Lincolnshire County Council publish details of cycle routes in Moulton and surrounding areas with a view to making use of key cycle routes throughout the District.



Cycle Routes in and Around Moulton

Public Transport

3.4 The proposed site is located very close to three bus stops which are within 2 minutes walk on West Cob Gate and the High Street that offer regular bus services between Spalding and Kings Lynn via the local villages.

3.5 Moulton does not have a dedicated train station however regular bus services provide access to nearby Spalding which has a train station which provides a service to Peterborough and the East Coast Mainline providing links to London (50 minutes travel time) and the north.

Car Parking Provision

3.6 The proposed development seeks to encourage more sustainable methods of transport whilst accepting that the South Holland District is predominantly rural in landscape.

3.7 Each home will be provided with 2 parking spaces as recommended by Lincolnshire County Council.



Spalding Train Station

4.0 Conclusions

The proposed development consists of thirty nine residential dwellings. The site will have pedestrian and vehicular access from Broad Lane and Westmoreland Road. The junction geometries/ visibility splays are considered suitable to accommodate the development traffic and early discussions have been carried out with Lincolnshire County Highways.

The site is situated within suitable walking and cycling distance to a number of facilities. The site is also served by good frequency and easily accessible bus services that connect the site well to the surrounding area. The number and frequency of local services is considered to be appropriate to serve the proposed development.

In light of the above, the proposed development is considered to be acceptable with no significant impacts on the local highway network.

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