

LYMINGTON BOTTOM ROAD - OBJECT

The Location of this site is rural farmland behind existing development on Lymington Bottom Road and the Watercress Heritage Railway. There are planned to have three exits from the site directly onto Lymington Bottom Road and one onto Soldridge Road, both of which are Rural in nature and narrow. Access to the A31 is dependent upon a network of rural roads that are restricted width by the Watercress line. The crossings at Grosvenor Road and Lymington Bottom Road are both lower than the railway line, passing under the bridge with a restricted width road. The crossing at Boynewsood Road is above the railway, the bridge restricted and light-controlled. In summary, the site has poor connectivity to any transport networks and should be refused.

There are low Employment opportunities on the site, ensuring the dormitory nature of this development and ensuring traffic numbers will rise and add to the existing traffic from recent development along Lymington Bottom Road. Public Transport is limited to that running along the A31 access from the development will be along Lymington Bottom Road which has no footpath until the pedestrian reaches the access road of Station Approach, this makes it an unacceptable location for the proposed number of houses. Rail links are available from Winchester and Alton, both are some distance from this development, 13.9 miles and 5.6 miles respectively. In summary, with no integrated transportation, the site relies totally on personal vehicles and should be seen as unsustainable development.

The development is split into across two different Parishes of Four Marks and Medstead and offers no additional Social facilities or additional Shops and Leisure Facilities. One positive point to note is the site providing a new Primary School to minimise the number of car journeys at peak hours.