

# Eagle Quarter II, Newbury

## Response to West Berkshire Council's Highways Comments – VISSIM Modelling

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<b>Planning Reference:</b>	23/02094/FULMAJ
<b>Planning Description</b>	Full planning permission for the redevelopment of the Kennet Centre comprising the partial demolition of the existing building on site and the development of new residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and residents' ancillary facilities; commercial, business and service floorspace including office (Class E (a, b, c, d, e, f, and g)); access, parking, and cycle parking; landscaping and open space; sustainable energy installations; associated works, and alterations to the retained Vue Cinema and multi storey car park

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## 1. Introduction

As previously advised, the Councils VISSIM traffic model should be used to assess the impact of any increase in traffic from this development, particularly the area including and towards the A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road roundabout and the A339 / Cheap Street junction.

This Technical Note summaries the results of the required VISSIM Modelling.

## 2. Scope of Works & Methodology

The modelling work was undertaken by WSP who operate and maintain the VISSIM model on behalf of West Berkshire Council.

The scope of works and extent of the modelling was agreed with West Berkshire Council and included the following junctions:

- A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road Roundabout;
- A339 / Cheap Street Junction;
- Cheap Street / Market Street Junction;
- Bear Lane / The Wharf Junction; and
- Market Street / Bartholomew Street.

The model has been run for the AM peak within the 2031 future assessment year. The model includes all known committed developments, all highway improvement schemes and mitigation from strategic housing developments. The model also includes predicted traffic flows following the proposed redevelopment of the Kennet Centre. The trip rates and resulting trip generation calculations are agreed and presented in the Transport Assessment report submitted in support of the planning application.

WSP updated the model to include a new southbound arm on Bartholomew Street. This was included within the Market Street junction and the signals adapted for this additional (Demand Dependent) stage.

This Note compares the results of the without and with development scenarios in the following paragraphs.

### 3. Results

The summary results are attached in **Appendix A** and detail the providing turning flows and queue lengths at the five key junctions, as well as overall network performance statistics (note that ‘average queues’ are the best guide, rather than ‘maximum queues’ which show the worst single point across the whole peak hour).

WSP noted (after running the model through for 20 random seeds) that they did not have queue data collection points on the A339 NB and SB arms at Cheap Street (only the Cheap St EB arm). However, when considering the impacts shown at the other junctions WSP do not envisage there would be any impact (with only 16 development vehicles passing SB through this junction in the AM peak hour).

Overall the average time for each vehicle passing through the network increases by 6 seconds to 06:07(mm:ss) and the average delay increases by 7 seconds. These results provide confidence that any impact of the shopping centre over the network is negligible in the AM peak.

In reviewing the model, the results for the individual junctions have been detailed below. The A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road is of particular concern to West Berkshire Council and so has therefore been summarised in greater detail, focusing on turning counts and queue lengths.

#### A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road Junction

A summary of the turning flows at the A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road roundabout is provided below.

Table 1: Turning Counts without Development - A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road Junction

All Values are in Vehicles		Bear Lane Roundabout					
		A339 (N)	Mill Ln	Kings Rd	A339 (S)	Bear Ln	Sum
Lights	A339 (N)	0	210	207	1311	0	1728
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	343	25	0	543	0	912
	A339 (S)	1187	204	166	0	0	1557
	Bear Ln	159	76	77	175	0	487
	Sum	1689	515	449	2029	0	4683
Heavies	A339 (N)	0	0	2	79	0	81
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	8	0	0	22	0	30
	A339 (S)	44	5	3	0	0	52
	Bear Ln	4	1	1	6	0	12
	Sum	56	6	6	107	0	175

Table 2: Turning Counts with Development - A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road Junction

All Values are in Vehicles		Bear Lane Roundabout					
Lights	A339 (N)	0	208	207	1311	0	1726
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	343	25	0	542	0	910
	A339 (S)	1189	201	162	0	0	1552
	Bear Ln	161	77	69	189	0	495
	Sum	1693	510	438	2042	0	4684
Heavies	A339 (N)	0	0	2	78	0	80
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	8	0	0	22	0	30
	A339 (S)	44	5	3	0	0	52
	Bear Ln	4	1	0	6	0	12
	Sum	56	6	5	107	0	174

Table 3: Turning Counts Difference - A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road Junction

All Values are in Vehicles		Bear Lane Roundabout					
With Dev - Without Dev		A339 (N)	Mill Ln	Kings Rd	A339 (S)	Bear Ln	Sum
Lights	A339 (N)	0	-2	0	0	0	-1
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1
	A339 (S)	3	-4	-4	0	0	-5
	Bear Ln	3	1	-8	13	0	9
	Sum	5	-5	-12	13	0	1
Heavies	A339 (N)	0	0	0	-1	0	-1
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	0	0	0	0	0	0
	A339 (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sum	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-2

As can be seen in the above tables, the impact of the proposed development would be negligible when comparing the with and without development scenarios. The maximum vehicle increase on an approach arm is 9 vehicles during the morning peak hour. This occurs on Bear Lane and represents an increase of less than 1%.

In regard to queue lengths, the following results are reported by WSP:

Table 4: Queue Lengths Average (m) - A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road Junction

MCCs	2031 without dev	2031 with dev	Difference
Bear Lane Roundabout SB	148.6	144.3	-4 / -3%
Bear Lane Roundabout WB Straight	76.4	76.6	0 / 0%
Bear Lane Roundabout WB LT	83.8	83.5	0 / 0%
Bear Lane Roundabout NB	83.4	72.0	-11 / -14%
Bear Lane Roundabout EB	59.1	59.3	0 / 0%

**Note: The average queue lengths are calculated by running the VISSIM model for several random seeds and then an average is calculated for each 5-minute interval, then the average of these values across the whole peak hour is reported.**

In conclusion the VISSIM modelling shows that the proposed development would have a negligible impact upon the A339 / Bear Lane / Kings Road roundabout in 2031.

## A339 / Cheap Street

A summary of the difference in turning flows at the A339 / Cheap Street junction is provided below.

Table 5: Turning Counts Difference - A339 / Cheap Street

All Values are in Vehicles With Dev - Without Dev		A339 / Cheap Street			
		A339 (N)	A339 (S)	Cheap St	Sum
Lights	A339 (N)	0	17	-4	13
	A339 (S)	-7	0	-4	-11
	Cheap St	0	0	0	0
	Sum	-7	17	-8	2
Heavies	A339 (N)	0	-1	0	-1
	A339 (S)	0	0	0	0
	Cheap St	0	0	0	0
	Sum	0	-1	0	0

As can be seen above the impact of proposed development would be negligible when comparing the with and without development scenarios. The maximum increase on any approach arm is 12 vehicles during the morning peak hour (this occurs on the A339 North).

In conclusion the VISSIM modelling shows that the proposed development would have a negligible impact upon the A339 / Cheap Street junction.

## Cheap Street / Market Street

A summary of the difference in turning flows at the Cheap Street / Market Street junction is provided below.

Table 6: Turning Counts Difference - Cheap Street / Market Street

All Values are in Vehicles With Dev - Without Dev		Cheap Street / Market Street			
		Cheap St (N)	Cheap St (S)	Market St	Sum
Lights	Cheap St (N)	0	0	-1	-1
	Cheap St (S)	1	0	-1	0
	Market St	12	0	0	12
	Sum	13	0	-2	11
Heavies	Cheap St (N)	0	0	0	0
	Cheap St (S)	0	0	0	0
	Market St	0	0	0	0
	Sum	0	0	0	-1

As can be seen above the impact of proposed development would be negligible when comparing the with and without development scenarios. The maximum increase on any approach arm is 12 vehicles during the morning peak hour (this occurs on Market Street).

In conclusion the VISSIM modelling shows that the proposed development would have a negligible impact upon the Cheap Street / Market Street junction.

## Bear Lane / The Wharf

A summary of the difference in turning flows at the Bear Lane / The Wharf junction is provided below.

Table 7: Turning Counts Difference - Bear Lane / The Wharf

All Values are in Vehicles With Dev - Without Dev		Bear Lane / The Wharf			
Lights	Wharf Rd	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln (E)	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln W	-1	10	0	8
	Sum	-1	9	0	8
Heavies	Wharf Rd	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln (E)	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln W	0	-1	0	0
	Sum	0	-1	0	0

As can be seen above the impact of proposed development would be negligible when comparing the with and without development scenarios. The maximum increase on any approach arm is 8 vehicles during the morning peak hour (this occurs on Bear Lane West).

In conclusion the VISSIM modelling shows that the proposed development would have a negligible impact upon the Bear Lane / The Wharf junction.

## Market Street / Bartholomew Street

A summary of the difference in turning flows at the Market Street / Bartholomew Street junction is provided below.

Table 8: Turning Counts Difference - Market Street / Bartholomew Street

All Values are in Vehicles With Dev - Without Dev		Market Street / Bartholomew Street			
Lights	Bartholomew (N)	0	45	6	51
	Market Street	-1	0	-1	-2
	Bartholomew St (S)	-22	-36	0	-58
	Sum	-23	9	6	-8
Heavies	Bartholomew (N)	0	0	0	0
	Market Street	0	0	0	0
	Bartholomew St (S)	0	-1	0	-1
	Sum	0	-1	0	-1

As can be seen above the impact of proposed development would be negligible when comparing the with and without development scenarios. The maximum increase on any approach arm is 51 vehicles during the morning peak hour (this occurs on Bartholomew Street North). This arm currently only allows northbound movements. As part of the development proposals a new southbound lane would be provided, and the signals would be adapted for this additional stage. The junction is shown to operate efficiently as evidenced by the queue surveys results.

In conclusion the VISSIM modelling shows that the proposed development would have a negligible impact upon the Bear Lane / The Wharf junction.

#### **4. Conclusion**

The VISSIM modelling work was undertaken using the Council's approved model and the scope of works/methodology was agreed in advance.

The results of the VISSIM modelling shows that the proposed development would have a negligible impact upon the local highway network.

We trust the VISSIM results provide the clarity the Council require to support the proposals and remove this part of the objection.

**A. VISSIM Model Results provided by WSP**

2.1 Network Performance Statistics - supplied by WSP

	2031 without dev	2031 with dev	Difference
Average Time [mm:ss] / Vehicle	00:06:01	00:06:07	6 / 2%
Average Distance (km) / Vehicle	2.38	2.38	0 / 0%
Average Speed (mph)	14.75	14.50	-0.26 / -2%
Average Speed (kph)	23.74	23.33	-0.41 / -2%
Average Delay [mm:ss] / Vehicle	00:02:58	00:03:05	7 / 4%

**Description:**

Average travel time of each vehicle that has passed through the network (mm:ss)  
 Average distance travelled of each vehicle that has passed through the network (km)  
 Average speed of each vehicle that has passed through the network (mph)  
 Average speed of each vehicle that has passed through the network (kph)  
 Average delay time of each vehicle that has passed through the network (mm:ss)

2.2 Turning Flows without Dev supplied by WSP

All Values are in Vehicles		Bear Lane Roundabout					
Lights		A339 (N)	Mill Ln	Kings Rd	A339 (S)	Bear Ln	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	210	207	1311	0	1728
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	343	25	0	543	0	912
	A339 (S)	1187	204	166	0	0	1557
	Bear Ln	159	76	77	175	0	487
	Sum	1689	515	449	2029	0	4683

Heavies		A339 (N)	Mill Ln	Kings Rd	A339 (S)	Bear Ln	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	0	2	79	0	81
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	8	0	0	22	0	30
	A339 (S)	44	5	3	0	0	52
	Bear Ln	4	1	1	6	0	12
	Sum	56	6	6	107	0	175

All Values are in Vehicles		A339 / Cheap Street			
Lights		A339 (N)	A339 (S)	Cheap St	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	1589	436	2025
	A339 (S)	1541	0	109	1650
	Cheap St	29	0	0	29
	Sum	1570	1589	545	3704

Heavies		A339 (N)	A339 (S)	Cheap St	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	102	5	107
	A339 (S)	52	0	5	57
	Cheap St	0	0	0	0
	Sum	52	102	10	164

All Values are in Vehicles		Cheap Street / Market Street			
Lights		Cheap St (N)	Cheap St (S)	Market St	Sum
	Cheap St (N)	0	0	237	237
	Cheap St (S)	86	0	295	380
	Market St	319	0	0	319
	Sum	404	0	532	936

Heavies		Cheap St (N)	Cheap St (S)	Market St	Sum
	Cheap St (N)	0	0	8	8
	Cheap St (S)	1	0	9	10
	Market St	17	0	0	17
	Sum	18	0	17	35

2.2 Turning Flows without Dev supplied by WSP

All Values are in Vehicles		Bear Lane / The Wharf			
			Wharf Rd	Bear Ln (W)	Bear Ln (E)
Lights	Wharf Rd	0	66	12	78
	Bear Ln (E)	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln (W)	123	426	0	549
	Sum	123	492	12	627
Heavies	Wharf Rd	0	1	5	6
	Bear Ln (E)	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln (W)	10	11	0	21
	Sum	10	12	5	27

All Values are in Vehicles		Market Street / Bartholomew Street			
			Bartholomew (N)	Market Street	Bartholomew St (S)
Lights	Bartholomew St (N)	0	0	0	0
	Market Street	121	0	333	454
	Bartholomew St (S)	497	407	0	905
	Sum	619	407	333	1359
Heavies	Bartholomew St (N)	0	0	0	0
	Market Street	0	0	12	12
	Bartholomew St (S)	11	8	0	18
	Sum	11	8	12	30

2.3 Turning Flows with Dev supplied by WSP

Bear Lane Roundabout

Lights		A339 (N)	Mill Ln	Kings Rd	A339 (S)	Bear Ln	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	208	207	1311	0	1726
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	343	25	0	542	0	910
	A339 (S)	1189	201	162	0	0	1552
	Sum	1693	510	438	2042	0	4684

Heavies		A339 (N)	Mill Ln	Kings Rd	A339 (S)	Bear Ln	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	0	2	78	0	80
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	8	0	0	22	0	30
	A339 (S)	44	5	3	0	0	52
	Sum	56	6	5	107	0	174

Dev Traffic only (Included in Lights)		A339 (N)	Mill Ln	Kings Rd	A339 (S)	Bear Ln	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mill Ln	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kings Rd	0	0	0	0	0	0
	A339 (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sum	15	9	0	16	0	41

All Values are in Vehicles

A339 / Cheap Street

Lights		A339 (N)	A339 (S)	Cheap St	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	1606	432	2038
	A339 (S)	1534	0	105	1639
	Cheap St	29	0	0	29
	Sum	1563	1606	537	3705

Heavies		A339 (N)	A339 (S)	Cheap St	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	101	5	106
	A339 (S)	53	0	5	58
	Cheap St	0	0	0	0
	Sum	53	101	10	164

Dev Traffic only (Included in Lights)		A339 (N)	A339 (S)	Cheap St	Sum
	A339 (N)	0	16	0	16
	A339 (S)	0	0	0	0
	Cheap St	0	0	0	0
	Sum	0	16	0	16

2.3 Turning Flows with Dev supplied by WSP

All Values are in Vehicles		Cheap Street / Market Street			
Lights		Cheap St (N)	Cheap St (S)	Market St	Sum
	Cheap St (N)	0	0	237	237
	Cheap St (S)	87	0	294	380
	Market St	330	0	0	330
	Sum	417	0	530	947

Heavies		Cheap St (N)	Cheap St (S)	Market St	Sum
	Cheap St (N)	0	0	8	8
	Cheap St (S)	1	0	9	10
	Market St	16	0	0	16
	Sum	17	0	17	34

Dev Traffic only (Included in Lights)		Cheap St (N)	Cheap St (S)	Market St	Sum
	Cheap St (N)	0	0	0	0
	Cheap St (S)	0	0	0	0
	Market St	44	0	0	44
	Sum	44	0	0	44

All Values are in Vehicles		Bear Lane / The Wharf			
Lights		Wharf Rd	Bear Ln (E)	Bear Ln W	Sum
	Wharf Rd	0	65	12	78
	Bear Ln (E)	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln W	122	436	0	557
	Sum	122	501	12	635

Heavies		Wharf Rd	Bear Ln (E)	Bear Ln W	Sum
	Wharf Rd	0	1	5	6
	Bear Ln (E)	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln W	10	11	0	21
	Sum	10	12	5	27

Dev Traffic only (Included in Lights)		Wharf Rd	Bear Ln (E)	Bear Ln W	Sum
	Wharf Rd	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln (E)	0	0	0	0
	Bear Ln W	0	42	0	42
	Sum	0	42	0	42

2.3 Turning Flows with Dev supplied by WSP

All Values are in Vehicles		Market Street / Bartholomew Street			
<b>Lights</b>		<b>Bartholomew (N)</b>	<b>Market Street</b>	<b>Bartholomew St (S)</b>	<b>Sum</b>
	<b>Bartholomew St (N)</b>	0	45	6	51
	<b>Market Street</b>	120	0	332	452
	<b>Bartholomew St (S)</b>	475	371	0	846
	<b>Sum</b>	596	416	338	1350

<b>Heavies</b>		<b>Bartholomew (N)</b>	<b>Market Street</b>	<b>Bartholomew St (S)</b>	<b>Sum</b>
	<b>Bartholomew St (N)</b>	0	0	0	0
	<b>Market Street</b>	0	0	11	11
	<b>Bartholomew St (S)</b>	10	7	0	18
	<b>Sum</b>	10	7	11	29

<b>Dev Traffic only (Included in Lights)</b>		<b>Bartholomew (N)</b>	<b>Market Street</b>	<b>Bartholomew St (S)</b>	<b>Sum</b>
	<b>Bartholomew St (N)</b>	0	45	6	51
	<b>Market Street</b>	0	0	0	0
	<b>Bartholomew St (S)</b>	0	0	0	0
	<b>Sum</b>	0	45	6	51



Queue Comparison  
AM  
Average Length Summary  
Maximum Length (m)

MCCs	2031 without dev	2031 with dev	Difference
31 - MCC 3 - Bear Lane Roundabout SB	148.6	144.3	-4 / -3%
32 - MCC 3 - Bear Lane Roundabout WB Straight	76.4	76.6	0 / 0%
33 - MCC 3 - Bear Lane Roundabout WB LT	83.8	83.5	0 / 0%
34 - MCC 3 - Bear Lane Roundabout NB	83.4	72.0	-11 / -14%
35 - MCC 3 - Bear Lane Roundabout EB	59.1	59.3	0 / 0%
41 - MCC 4 - A339 / Cheap St EB	18.0	16.9	-1 / -6%
71 - MCC 7 - Bear Lane / Wharf Car Park SB	8.9	9.7	1 / 9%
72 - MCC 7 - Bear Lane / Wharf Car Park WB	16.1	16.0	0 / 0%
73 - MCC 7 - Bear Lane / Wharf Car Park EB	86.3	91.9	6 / 7%
301 - MCC 30- Bartholomew St / Market St WB	41.0	43.5	3 / 6%
302 - MCC 30- Bartholomew St / Market St NB	75.9	76.6	1 / 1%
303 - MCC 30- Bartholomew St / Market St SB		13.4	13/100%
321 - MCC 32 - Market St / Cheap St NB	83.5	82.5	-1 / -1%
322 - MCC 32 - Market St / Cheap St EB	99.8	106.2	6 / 6%
323 - MCC 32 - Market St / Cheap St SB	58.4	58.5	0 / 0%

The model is run for several random seeds and for each run, the MAXIMUM queue in every 5-minute interval is reported. The AVERAGE of the runs is then calculated for each 5-minute interval. Finally the AVERAGE of these values, across the whole peak hour, is reported in the above table.