



Transport

Public transport

As part of the core site planning permission, the existing bus service 9 (serving Kidderminster and Cookley) will be routed through the core site and discussions are taking place about extending its reach through the wider site as well with access via one of the new junctions off Wolverhampton Road. In addition, consideration is being given to the possibility of routing the existing bus service 125 (Stourbridge to Bridgnorth) through the site. This would provide excellent access to the services for all existing and new residents.

Pedestrian/cycle links

Pedestrian and cycle links through the core site to the existing walking and cycling routes on the A449 Wolverhampton Road and a new link to the footway on Stourbridge Road are part of the core site planning permission. This network of pedestrian and cycle links will be augmented with further provision through the wider site ensuring connectivity between development plots and different land uses such as the school and local centre. The potential for further improvement schemes on Wolverhampton Road, Stourbridge Road and Wolverley Road is being considered including a crossing on the Wolverhampton Road near Cookley.

The highway network

A transport assessment (including traffic modelling) and strategy are being prepared for the wider site to ensure that new traffic is minimised, and that local roads are able to cope with new traffic. Improvements to the wider highway network/key junctions will be identified to minimise the impact of the traffic generated by the wider site.

Our work will consider whether it is appropriate to seek a speed reduction on surrounding roads, in particular Wolverhampton Road as this would improve road safety.

Site access

The site can be safely accessed from new junctions on Stourbridge Road and Wolverhampton Road. Consideration is also being given to the potential for accessing a very small number of houses from Axborough Lane. Vehicle connections between the core site and the east and west sections of the wider site are being considered which would be designed to minimise rat running through the whole Lea Castle Village development, while also minimising tree loss through the woodland.

