



By Email

Planning Department
St Albans Borough Council

East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
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Our Ref: 5/2022/2443/ZM

Your Ref: 5/2022/2443

Planning Application: 5/2022/2443

Location: Bricket Wood Sports And Country Club, Paintball Site & Bricket Lodge Lye Lane
Bricket Wood Hertfordshire AL2 3TF

Outline application (access sought) - Demolition of existing buildings and construction of up to 115 dwellings and creation of new access

Dear Sirs

Thank you for consulting East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) on the above planning application.

The proposed development is likely to have an impact on St Albans emergency ambulance stations within the vicinity of the application site. EEAST are in a unique position that intersects health, transport and community safety and does not have capacity to accommodate the additional growth resulting from the proposed development to achieve nationally set blue light response times. EEAST would therefore expect these impacts to be fully assessed and mitigated.

Assessment of Development Impact on Existing Healthcare and Ambulance Service Provision

The development and change of use from residential, paintball site and former sports and country club around hardstanding to housing would give rise to a need for improvements to capacity, in line with emerging Integrated Care System estates strategy which can be met by:

- Provision of additional medical equipment to manage the increased number of incidents from the growing population in order to maintain mandated ambulance response times and treatment outcomes. The range of equipment includes stretchers, carry chair, tracks, power chair, scoop, spine board, power load, wheelchair, Corpuls (patient monitoring units with integrated defibrillator/pacemaker, ECG etc).
- Recruiting, training and providing new equipment for additional Community First Responders (CFRs) to support the proposed development and the community as a whole.

Table 1 shows the population likely to be generated from the proposed development. The capital required to create additional emergency ambulance services to support the population arising from the proposed development is calculated to be £23,399.

Table 1 Capital Cost calculation of additional health services arising from the development proposal

Additional Population Growth	ICS Activity Rate ²	Ambulance Cost ³	Total
182	0.19	£675	£23,399

¹ Calculated assuming 2.4 persons for each dwelling average household 2020 Census

² Calculated Hertfordshire and West Essex Census 2020 population (1.5m) and 2021-2 EEAST emergency activity volume (288,262)


³ EEAST ambulance callout cost (2021)

Conclusion

It is unclear when the development may be delivered and if the site is listed in the Local plan and features on the housing trajectory for the local authority or indeed if permission will be granted. But should this development materialise, it will have an impact on emergency ambulance healthcare provision in the area and must be mitigated by legally securing developer's contributions and these are in addition to those submitted NHS Hertfordshire & West Essex ICB for GP premises.

Subject to certainty that healthcare will be the beneficiary of the aforementioned Section 106 contributions in relation to this development. EEAST does not raise an objection to the proposed development

Yours sincerely



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