

Devon County Council Transport RAG Assessment – Land South of Northcote Hill, Honiton (GH/ED/39b)

A RAG assessment (which is very similar to that previously provided for LP_GH/ED/39a) of this site is provided below:

		Local centre proximity		Bus provision		Rail provision		Active travel				Road Accessibility	
Site Options	Site Size	RAG	notes	RAG	notes	RAG	notes	RAG	notes (existing)	RAG	notes (potential)	RAG	notes
LP_GH/ED/39b	300		Approximately 1.4km from Honiton town centre, along a very busy road.		Nearest bus stop is on Monkton Road (at Roman Way junction), but this is not well served. Buses here operate less than daily and only serve local/rural locations.		Approximately 2km from Honiton rail station.		No existing active travel.		Surrounding roads are very busy and would need extensive work to make attractive for active travel.		Site access via Northcote Hill which is a single-track road but there is potential to improve this. A35 Monkton Road provides good accessibility to Honiton town centre and the strategic road network.

In summary, the accessibility of the site by sustainable modes (including walking, cycling and bus) is currently poor. In particular, the A35 Monkton Road, which links the site to Honiton town centre, has no dedicated cycle facilities, but is very busy, carrying over 13,000 vehicles per day (according to 2017 traffic counts). Therefore, any proposal would be expected to help deliver or make contributions to safe and attractive active travel routes towards Honiton town centre, as well as improvements within the site. This would be particularly the case for a larger development, which would be expected to generate more trips (both by car and by active travel). Additionally, any proposal would need to consider potential enhancements to bus services, given the very low frequency of existing bus routes in the area.

However, our analysis indicates that the proposed increase in the level of development would make minimal impact on flows at the A30/A35 junction. Therefore, impacts on the Strategic Road Network are likely to be negligible.