

Client: Reside Developments

Location: Funtley Road, Funtley,

Fareham, Hampshire

Sectors: Residential

Services: Transport Planning

Project overview: Overcoming site sustainability with plans to convert a motorway bridge into a cycleway and footpath

Added value:

- Improved connectivity between Funtley and Fareham
- Extended low-carbon travel choices
- Highway improvements

Funtley Road, Funtley, Hampshire

A residential development has gained resolution to grant planning permission on greenfield land north of the M27 in Funtley, Hampshire. The Reside Developments scheme will deliver 55 dwellings, including three selfbuild homes, and a community building incorporating space for a local shop.

Sustainability of the site was one of the major challenges to overcome. The successful outcome was achieved, in part, thanks to plans developed by Motion for conversion of a motorway bridge into a cycleway and footpath, to improve the site's connectivity with Fareham. The bridge was previously used by a farmer to access agricultural land. By altering its use, a continuous public right of way will be created from Funtley Road to Thames Drive, south of the M27 in Fareham. Close liaison was required between the county and borough councils and Highways England.



The new development, south of Funtley Road, will contribute to the sustainability of the wider area. Hampshire County Council was initially concerned about the proposals for the site, in respect of the potential impact on the local highway and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. Persuading Highways England to approve conversion of the old agricultural bridge helped to improve connectivity between Funtley and Fareham, as well as encourage low-carbon travel choices.

Highway improvements were recommended for pedestrians, including a footway extension and crossing facilities on the site. Segregated routes will be provided across the bridge, and will integrate with pedestrian and cycle paths within the development. The improved pedestrian routes will link with local bus stops, offering residents of the new housing development connections to amenities and nearby transport interchanges.



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