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PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2022/62/90397/W

NEWSOME BOWLING GREEN, ST JOHN'S AVENUE, NEWSOME, HUDDERSFIELD, HD4 6JP

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Thank you for consulting with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority on the planning application detailed above.

The site is located within the recommended 400m from the nearest bus routes that operate on Newsome Road South. We generally take a pragmatic approach to walk distances to take the size and location of development sites into account. When doing so, we also have to consider the development type and the level and quality of service (frequency and destinations served) at the destination bus stop.

Bus services which operate on Newsome Road South include the 306 which operates between Huddersfield and Taylor Hill (Circular), along with the 319 which operates between Huddersfield and Berry Brow (Circular), both at a 20 minute frequency. In addition, the 308 also operates along Newsome Road South which operates between Huddersfield and Holmfirth at a 60 minute frequency. The bus availability for the site is therefore considered to be acceptable. The size of the development is unlikely to change the bus route of frequency.

The closest bus stop on this corridor 22060 would benefit by the installation of a Real Time Information display at a cost to the developer of £10,000.00. In order to access this stop, safe and direct pedestrian links are required.

To encourage the use of sustainable transport as a realistic alternative to the car, the developer needs to fund a package of sustainable travel measures. We recommend that the developer contributes towards sustainable travel incentives to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport. Leeds City Council have recently introduced a sustainable travel fund. The fund can be used to purchase a range of sustainable travel measures including discounted MetroCards (Residential MetroCard Scheme) for all or part of the site. This model could be used at this site.

The payment schedule, mechanism and administration of the fund would have to be agreed with Kirklees Council and WYCA and detailed in a

planning condition or S106 agreement. As an indication of the cost should the normal RMC scheme be applied based on a Bus Countywide ticket, the contribution appropriate for this development would be £5,115.00. This equates to Bus Only Residential MCards.

I trust these comments will be useful in your appraisal of the application. If you require more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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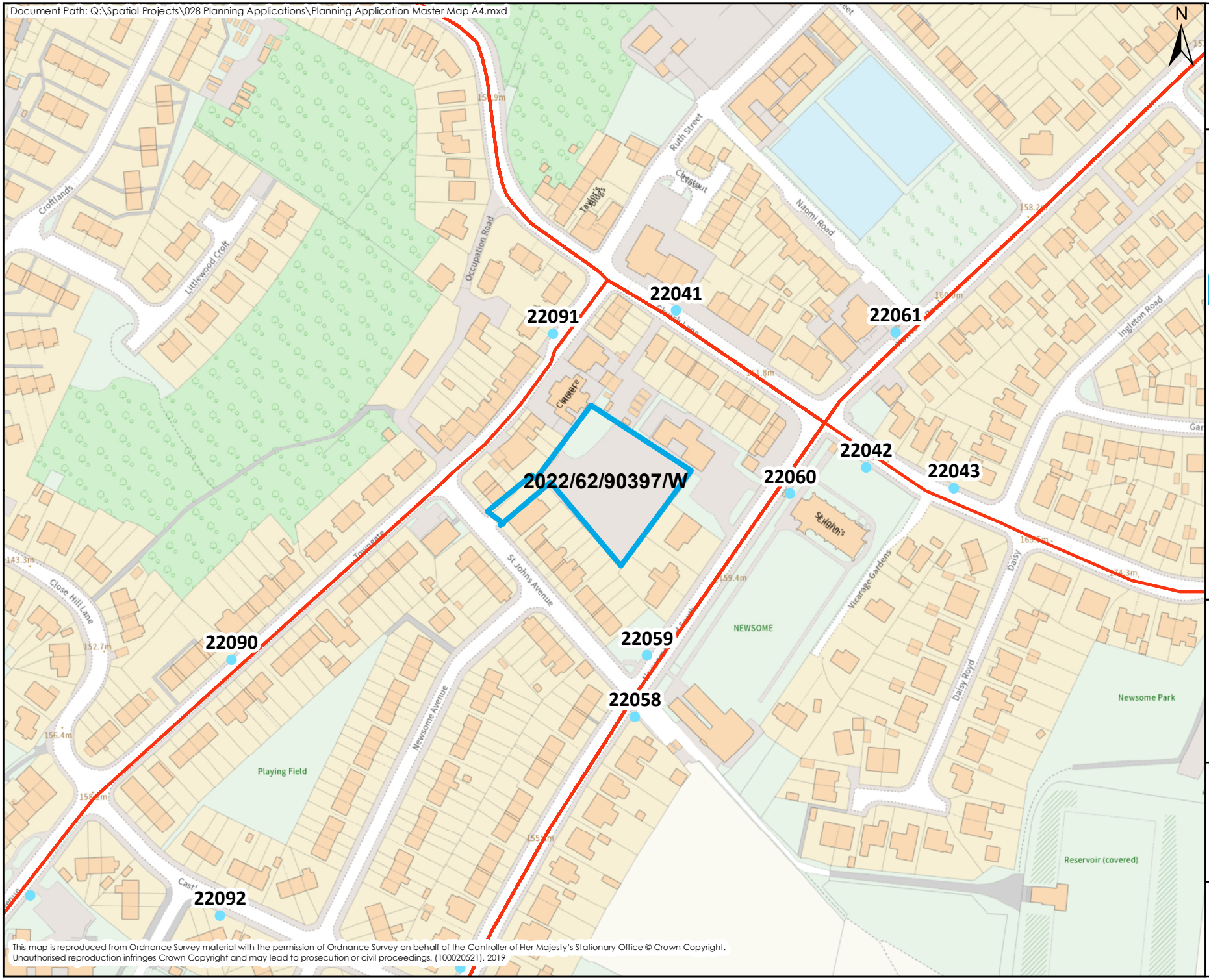

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