

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/23/00488

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/23/00488

Address: Land East Of, College Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville

Proposal: Application for mixed use residential development comprising 628 dwellings, community centre, allotments, public open space including play areas, new junction to College Road, related internal access road, footways and cycleways, pumping station and drainage basins.

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Comments

The Ramblers welcome the new walking and cycling routes shown within the proposed development and their links to the existing path network. However, there are some details we would like to comment on.

The existing environment of PRow Havant26c across the northern part of the site is through rough grassland. We would wish this area to remain as natural as possible, limiting management to only what is necessary to maintain the site and routes of the paths. The play area at the SE end of PRow Havant26c would appear to require a minor diversion of the PRow. This must be done before any development is started which would obstruct the path.

Many of the roads on the development are proposed to be adopted. There should also be a robust arrangement in place to ensure the future access to and maintenance of the cycle path and foot path routes through the site. This should allow access to both future residents of the development and people traversing the site from outside. The cycle and foot paths should either be adopted, designated as PRow, or have suitable legal agreements to provide this access.

We welcome the proposed pedestrian access from the SW edge of the site on to College Road. This access would allow walking routes along a short length of College Road footway on to the footpaths on to and along the top of Portsdown Hill. This would be a popular walking route. However, this access from College Road only leads to a small part of the proposed development at its western edge. There is no walking access to the rest of the development except by walking

northwards almost to the main access road. There is an obvious walking route due west to east alongside the northern boundary of the golf course which would lead to the community centre, the allotments, and the motorway bridge. For some reason there is a gap in the proposed paths along this boundary, just west of the SUDS. This gap should be filled and a continuous path provided along this route.

The section of Scratchface Lane that runs next to the motorway from its junction with the SE end of path Havant26c has views across the development site to Portsdown Hill. We would therefore ask that the proposed 3m acoustic fence stop no further north than the motorway bridge so that these views are preserved as far as possible and so that the path is not boxed in between motorway and acoustic fence.

For SE Hants group of the Ramblers.