

The underpass stated as currently existing on the proposed Lidl Havant plan is wrong (see attached).

This underpass...whilst still physically just about in existence, and possibly just about useable is not maintained, or used as a public highway.

This underpass forms part of the bridleway/track that runs (or did run) from the South Downs College Road junction (north side of Purbrook way) and was presumably built prior to Purbrook way being built in it's current form/ and / or built when the existing elevated access way from the A3(M) entry roundabout which leads to B&Q. I believe it may have then been to preserve right of way there or as farmers or land access. However this is not useable, and would have become redundant once the A3(M) was built in very late 70's, early 80's. Due to the motorway this route is not accessible and leads to nowhere but the fence at the A3(M) and as such is no longer either in use or of any use. Therefore your current plan gives the impression that pedestrians have an underground way to cross the existing B&Q approach road...this is quite simply not the case, as there is no access to get to such underpass on either side and even if there was Since the motorway was built the time passed has seen to that and even if this was the case owing to the motorway bridge further along it is not feasible or necessary for a pedestrians or such the like to go down to such a level only to have to go back up again to get the the level of actually crossing over the motorway on the higher main roadway bridge. The only routes for cyclists and pedestrians is at the exact same elevation and route as cars on the roadway to make their way past this location on Purbrook way and for pedestrians this means negotiating both the exit and entrance slips of the B&Q access road.

Therefore it seems like pedestrians can use this to cross (under) the access road to the B&Q but this is simply not the case. Had you actually been out on site at this immediate spot this would be immediately obvious....the vegetation is heavy here and this is part of my objection also, you have totally missed this. This is simply maybe not the wrong place for a Lidl store but it needs to be elevated to the same level of the current B&Q car park. Obviously if Lidl wants remain building on this high level plain, to re-create what this underpass offered some 60 or so years ago then you would need suitable disabled level access to the location from current road/footway level on both sides of the B&Q access road and to bring back into full cycleway/pedestrian use, to tunnel also under the existing A3(M), as well. If you are not going to do that then the underpass you have on your plans need to be removed and not relied upon as it simply does not exist the format you include on your plan. It is not useable.

This does again back up the fact that this is a semi-rural location and your elevated store proposal simply does not fit in with any of the previous plans granted for this location area, including the enlargement of the much lower lying B&Q store some time ago.

This can be a tricky place for pedestrians and cyclists to cross in any case and having an entrance way here creating additional traffic due to Lidl, and queuing cars on the B&Q roundabout will not improve the situation. I have provided also other comments via your survey form on your Lidl website.

TAKE NOTE.

CC. HBC I note you have already realised this in the standard replies to the planning app but thought it needed to be brought to life. Please add to the feedback/comments about the plan.