

Planning reference: APP/20/01055 & 20/02520/REM

Site location: Town Park at the MDA Berewood Development Site, London Road, Waterloooville

Proposals: Reserved Matters Application pursuant to outline application APP/10/00828 & 10/02862/OUT for approval of landscape detail and access for the Town Park

Thank you for sending us this consultation. Please accept this response as being that of the Countryside Service, in relation to this application we are responding on behalf of Hampshire County Council as Highway Authority in respect of Public Rights of Way.

Site Context: Southwick and Widley Footpath 32 runs northwest from Newlands Lane linking to Southwick and Widley Footpaths 31, 33b and Restricted Byway 41. It continues northwest across the site linking to Havant Bridleway 15.

A copy of the Definitive Map of Rights of Way can be found at <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/rightsofwaydefinitivemap/>

Comment:

The application shouldn't be determined until the s257 diversion for footpath 32 are submitted alongside this application. The routes needs to be shown as being dedicated as a bridleway and have a definitive width of at least 3 metres. This will require the applicant to enter into a S25 Creation Agreement with Countryside Service. The phase A scheme didn't cover the E-W section of the diverted path and this application also doesn't appear to include this section. The redline needs amending to include this section (see attached plans) so that a Public Path Diversion Order can go ahead.

Our colleges in Highways also raise that details of the footpaths being offered for adoption aren't provided. Agreements for the maintenance of the upgraded paths also need to be discussed as the Countryside Service would not maintain the proposed tarmac paths.

We therefore submit a holding objection until the s257 diversions have been certified and agreements of the maintenance of the surface have been finalised. We suggest that the applicant contact us at countryside.planning@hants.gov.uk to discuss the application further.

Regards

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