

Currently all of the crime and disorder reported at the service station is vehicle enabled via the A27, which limits the amount and type of crime and disorder (the service station is isolated from the area around it). However, when this footpath / cycle way is put in place this will change the crime profile at the service station. The footpath / cycle way will draw people into the development from both Coldharbour Farm Road and from the service station, which in itself will cause issues. The footpath does not really connect two destinations, yet offers the potential to significantly increase the opportunities for crime and disorder; Hampshire Constabulary cannot support this connectivity.

That said, if the planning authority is minded to allow such connectivity to improve the safety of the footpath / cycle way it should be integrated into the development road (not be a separate entity). If the block containing plots 39 to 44 were moved to the south that would create space to allow the footpath to pass between plots 38 and 39. The footpath should be straight, it is important that there is natural surveillance from the overlooking properties. The route would have to be lit with column lighting. Robust bollards should be installed at each end of the footpath (as it passes between plots 38 and 39) to prevent vehicles using the footpath to access the service station. Obviously motors cycles will use it. I would recommend that a traffic regulation order prohibiting the use of motor vehicles along that section of the footpath is made and appropriate signage put in place. As the footpath provides access to a facility parking spaces will have to be provided for those driving to the development to use the service station facilities or those working at the service station and parking in the development. Defensible space (at least 1.5m per dwelling) will have to be provided for those properties adjoining the footpath (plots 38 and 39), additional space might be created by moving the cycle / bin store from south of plot 44 to north of plot 39. Once a right of way is created it cannot easily be stopped.

If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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