

Planning reference: APP/19/00626

Site location: Land North of Railway Line, between Washington Road and New Brighton Road, Emsworth

Proposals: Creation of shared use footpath/cycle track linking Washington Road and New Brighton Road, Emsworth.

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: Havant Footpath 71 links from Horndean Road through the recreational ground to the North to Washington Road.

A copy of the Definitive Map of Rights of Way can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap>

Comment:

The development is in line with National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 98) public rights of way and access should be protected and enhanced with opportunities sought to provide better facilities for users, including by adding links to existing networks. The creation of a cycle way linking Footpath 71 and New Brighton Road provides an access improvement and we support the proposals. We understand it is a permissive path that will not be added to the definitive map or maintained by the Countryside Service.

A highway agreement with Highways Development Planning may be needed for the intersection with New Brighton Road.

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