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Ref: Amended Application - Erection of 46no. dwellings with associated parking, access from Westwood Close, diversion of Havant Footpath 73, landscaping and surface water drainage. Felling and works to trees within Area A1, subject to TPO 2071. | Land off Westwood Close, Emsworth

Planning Ref: **APP/18/00672**

Consultee Comment: **On behalf of the Ramblers Association. SEHants Group**

The comments and objections I made in my previous letter still remain (ref: APP_18_00672-MR_PETER_WESTRON-1129830.pdf) I comment here on the modifications made in the latest development proposal. From the Ramblers Association viewpoint my concerns are over the effect on Footpath Havant 73 and other access rights in the area.

I welcome the reduction in the number of dwellings and the consequent increase in separation between the line of the diverted footpath and the new estate. However I still feel the diverted path would be better if further east to more nearly follow the County boundary rather than following the arbitrary plan boundary.

I welcome the extra planting within the 'grazing land' of the three new trees, however I think they, or extra planting, should be placed alongside the diverted path. In this location they would provide a 'reason' for the new path route. and better screen it from the housing.

The 'Amended Planning and Design Statement' (Ref: APP_18_00672-AMENDED_PLANNING__DESIGN__ACCESS_STATEMENT_-_JAN_2019-1152751.pdf section 6) mentions access for walkers and cyclists to the site. The 'Site Layout Plan' (ref: APP_18_00672-AMENDED_SITE_LAYOUT_PLAN-1152756.pdf) calls the gates from the proposed estate road into the remaining field '*Connection point to proposed footpath/grazing land*'. There is however no mention of the status of such access. I believe the estate roads should either be adopted as public roads or have public rights of way such that all local residents can use them to access these '*connection points*' to reach the footpath. I welcome the '*proposed footpath link*' from the gate at the southern end of the estate road linking to footpath 73. This link should be dedicated as a right of way. There should also be a matching link between the estate road and footpath through the northern gate.

For and on behalf of Ramblers Association

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