

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/24/01010

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/24/01010

Address: Interbridges Site, New Brighton Road, Emsworth

Proposal: Proposed employment development, with associated access, parking, yards and landscaping |cr|Classes B2 (General Industry), B8 (storage & distribution) and Class Ec-g.

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Comments

There is much discussion in the application on the appearance of the development from the New Brighton Road in the west and from the north and south. However there is no comment about the effect on the two PRoW (Public Right of Way) footpaths which run adjacent to the east boundary of the site. These two paths (Havant72 and Havant73) are a pleasant route away from the urban area of Emsworth into the countryside. Once north of the railway line, they currently follow a sheltered peaceful route passing the east edge of the development site. The application appears to make no effort to maintain this setting.

The plans (LANDSCAPE__ECOLOGICAL_MANAGEMENT_PLAN-2053861.pdf) show the development extending in the south east corner right up to the edge of the footpaths with no screening. This part of the development is 'Yard B' which presumably means it will be busy with people working or perhaps used for random ugly storage which will ruin the environment of the footpaths. Note the above referenced plan hasn't labeled the two PRoW footpaths as it should have done.

If the development is accepted we believe changes are needed to improve the appearance of the site from the two footpaths. In particular we think that suitable planting should be provided at the east end of 'Yard B' to provide a visual buffer between yard and footpath. Perhaps extending the adjacent suggested 'Native Shrub Mix' around the south east boundary.

For SEHants Group of Ramblers Association.