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Dear Rachel

APP/13/00705 – New Pathway St Johns Church Purbrook

I am writing on behalf of the Havant Area Disability Access Group, and we support the application with two caveats.

Within the plans there is mention that the “path is to have a slight slope to one side so that water will run off”. We would strongly request that the cross fall (or slope) is no greater than 1 in 40 or preferably less, the recommended fall being between 1 and 2 percent. This will still provide for adequate drainage while providing safe access for those in wheelchairs but more importantly those who are elderly or who have other mobility problems.

Any slope on the pathway should be no greater than 1 in 12, preferably less. Knowing the area slightly I believe this should not represent a problem. A slope of 1 in 20 is better for the majority of persons, including the elderly, who have mobility problems.

These recommendations are drawn DfT’s document “Inclusive Mobility” and also, incidentally, can be found in Part ‘M’ of the Building Regulations. However our recommendations are made within the scope of the concept of “High Quality Design” drawn from the Borough’s Supplementary Design Guide of 2011.

Yours faithfully



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