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Attn: **Amy Winch**

Ref: Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 90 residential dwellings with upgraded access to Padnell Road, associated landscaping and other works.

Planning Ref: **APP/26/00332**

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

There are a couple of anomalies in the existing PRow (*Public Rights of Way*) network adjacent to and within this development site. Firstly, the status of that section of Padnell Road that lies within the proposed development is unclear. It is neither adopted nor a PRow. This unadopted part of Padnell Road connecting the junction of PRow bridleway (*Sheepwash Road – Havant22*) and the PRow footpath (*Havant127*) with the rest of Padnell Road to the west is an important connection and has been well used for many years. Secondly, the PRow footpath entering the site from the south (*Havant127*) has been obstructed by the building of the houses of Cherry Tree Avenue south of this site. The 'walked route' of this footpath follows the west edge of the golf course and enters the development site at the south east corner though it has never been officially diverted. This path is undefined within the development site with walkers either continuing to follow the west edge of the golf course or else heading across the open parkland towards the junction of Padnell Road and bridleway according to their ultimate destination.

Both of these PRow anomalies should be addressed as part of any development.

The part of Padnell Road within the site should either be adopted, or else the PRow bridleway (*Sheepwash Road – Havant22*) should be extended to reach the existing adopted part of Padnell Road by a suitable dedication. Thus providing a connection to Cherry Tree Avenue to the west.

Finally, the PRow footpath (*Havant127*) is shown (*Transport Assessment P39 fig4.2*) as being diverted along the eastern edge of the site alongside the golf course boundary. This, whilst not ideal, is probably the best location for this footpath providing a natural continuation of the path with similar character to that just south of the site, and having open countryside (*the golf course*) on one side. This route for the path does have one problem in that the connection to the bridleway (*Sheepwash Road – Havant22*) involves an acute angle for walkers on the footpath wishing to connect to Padnell Road. We suggest the diverted footpath split as it reaches the south east corner of the SuDS. One branch following the east side of the SuDS alongside the golf course as suggested. The second extra branch going west alongside the southern edge of the SuDS directly towards the existing end of the bridleway. This would provide a much better route to Padnell Road. This extra path would complete the pathways providing a full circle of the SuDS which is likely to be a well walked route by casual walkers anyway. Our preference would be for both branches to be PRow.

For the SEHants Group of the Ramblers Association

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