

Gwyn Humphreys

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Attachments: Path plan.pdf

Hi Gwyn

Apologies for the late response, I hope these comments can still be considered.

With reference to planning application P/2023/0136 I would like to provide the following comments.

Public footpath Esclusham Below 31 runs to the south of the site along the track, as shown on the attached plan.

Having looked through all relevant documents I note that the track carrying a public footpath is to be used for vehicular access to the site whilst works are in progress. If this is likely to interrupt safe passage of users whilst work is ongoing then a temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to close the footpath will be needed to ensure the safety of the public – the public rights of way section can arrange the TRO. The footpath should be left in the same condition or improved upon when works finish. I note that a new drain is to cross the footpath. Where this crosses, the ground should be reinstated to a good standard for pedestrians to pass over safely. Again if works to install the drain are to impede on pedestrians using the path then a TRO may be needed.

No barriers should be placed across the path and gates from the site should not open out on to the footpath. We would prefer to have gaps at the site entrances/exits on to the footpath but if needed we would be happy to have gates.

Where the Active Travel route exits on to the footpath a staggered barrier should be installed and signage erected to make cyclists aware that they are exiting on to a footpath and not a cycle way.

The re-exposing of a historic pond close to the track with the public footpath on needs to be designed so any excess water is taken away from the path and doesn't run off on to the path.

Regards

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