

Hi Katie,

We would have no objections as long as the PROW's are unobstructed, are on firm, level ground, a minimum of 1.5m wide and that no trees or shrubs are planted within 2m of them.

Kind regards

Roy

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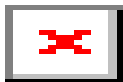
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Hi Roy,

Could you let me know whether ECC would still raise concern regarding the PROW? I am writing the report for this application this week.

Kind Regards,

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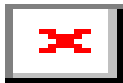
That is correct, the applicant is now not planning to divert the footpaths. I believe the footpath would utilise the path over the main vehicle bridge.

I am happy that I can condition the shrubs/planting were the application approved. In regards to the electric gates causing obstruction, this will need enforcing separately of the planning application. In terms of the current obstructions with cars/equipment etc. this will also need to be enforced separately. I am going to be refusing the application so it is unlikely this application will resolve those issues.

Is this something that ECC can enforce on?

Kind Regards,

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Hi Katie,

Can I please just clarify a couple of things?

Is the applicant now not planning to divert any part of either of the footpaths?

One of my main concerns previously was that the applicant had constructed a new footbridge over the stream onto which he was proposing to divert one of the footpaths. This bridge is not acceptable to us for a number of reasons.

If this is now not the case, and the footpaths will enter the site from Chelmsford Road over the existing concrete vehicle bridge then that certainly makes things a lot simpler.

My other concern was to make sure that there are no unauthorised gates on the footpaths. The drawing would suggest that there will be no gates on either of the footpaths but the existing security gate is

outside of the red line boundary, on the north side of the stream. This gate needs to be removed to allow unhindered access to the two footpaths.

On previous site visits, both footpaths have been obstructed by fallen trees, old vehicles and other debris. These obstructions need to be cleared and the ground levelled where necessary to provide a 1.5m minimum width footpath of firm, level ground.

Finally, we would not want any trees or shrubs etc to be planted within 2m of the footpath routes and the applicant would need to make provision for us to install waymarker posts where the two footpaths meet on the north side of the site.

Kind regards

Roy

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Sorry Katie,

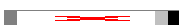
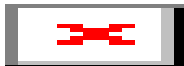
My mistake. I can't overlay their plan onto our mapping to 100% check as they have not oriented theirs due north, but switching between the two (their revised plan and our mapping) it appears to be okay. I would still like Roy's confirmation, however, as there may be other issues that were apparent when he visited site and so thank you for agreeing to wait.

Kind regards

Rob

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Good afternoon Rob,

Thank you for your response. I will await for Roy's response next week.

I don't believe the applicant wishes to apply to divert the footpath anymore.

Kind Regards,

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Good afternoon Katie,

Not knowing the footpath on the ground it would be hugely beneficial to be able to wait for the Area PROW Officer's (Roy Read's) return from leave before commenting on this.

Roy is back on Monday, and while I am then on leave myself, I am happy for Roy to respond in respect of the amended route and its suitability e.g. provision of a 2m width, firm and even surface, no obstructions, well-drained etc. (or can be made to be so).

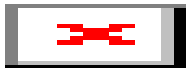
Also, we are not sure whether the applicant wishes to apply to divert under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 via an application to ourselves, or by means of a section 257 Town & Country Planning Act 1990 application to yourselves as there has been some confusion on this point. Can you advise please if there has been any discussion on this with RDC officers or an application made to you?

Kind regards

Rob

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Good afternoon,

Following your initial objection to the above application, the agent has amended the plan to demonstrate a new boundary to demarcate between the public footpath and the proposed dwelling. Upon reflection of this, would you be able to confirm whether this would overcome your previous objection?

Kind Regards,

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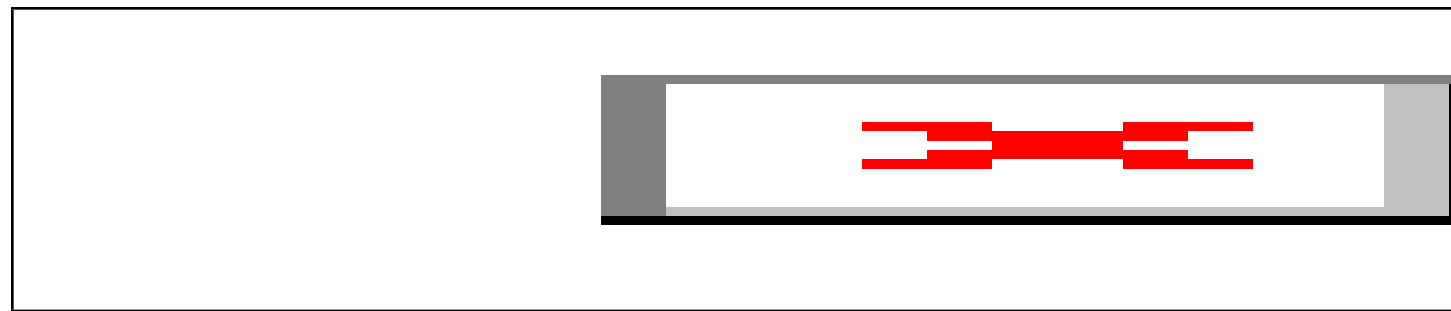
Hi Katie,  
Hope all is well.

I have attached a site plan showing the position of the current public footpath and the revised boundary of the dwelling site. You can see that we avoid the path so no changes are required to that.  
I also added some volume measurements of the house.

We are still in discussions with the agents regarding the sequential test but thought I would send you this in the meantime.  
Kind Regards

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