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Sent: 02 March 2020 09:50

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Subject: FW: F/4/20/OUT

Please could you upload the e-mail below and the attachment as a representation on the application F/4/20/OUT?

Thank you

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Morning Raymond

Planning Application Ford Airfield

Please see attached paper relating to the proposed Greenway along the Old Ford to Hunston Canal. I am bringing this to your attention because the Ford Airfield Planning application you are dealing with forms the first part of this route.

The Greenway will be an all user (NMU) route

If I can be of further assistance please let me know

Regards

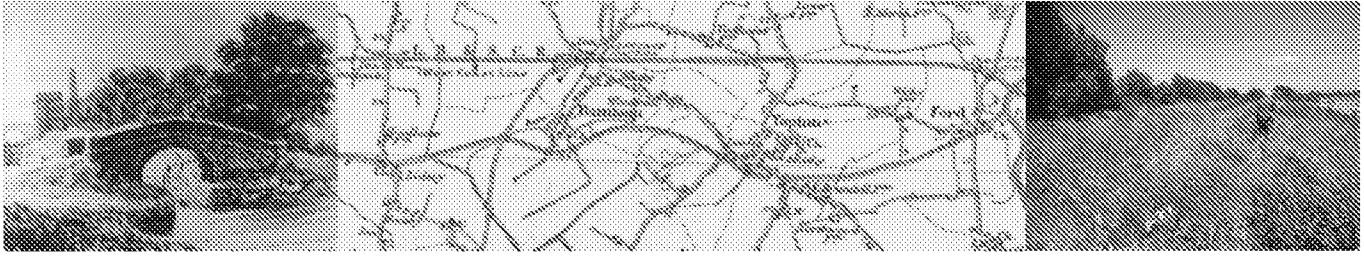
Chris Sprules

Ps Can you please arrange for paper to be added to this application

Chris Sprules
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Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal
Sustrans

Old Ford to Hunston Canal (GREENWAY) West Sussex



In 1823 the stretch of canal from the River Arun to Chichester was opened. Much of the route still exists with many of the original structures still visible which give the opportunity to provide a green/environmental recreation offer whilst protecting part of the important heritage of the area.

The purpose of this paper is to look at how we can **ALL** protect the Canal from further deterioration and what role it will play in the future

Objective

Is to create a **linear greenway** /environmental park (open space) respecting the historic legacy in the area which will be accessible **to all** and in particular to the Parishes it passes through with a vision of celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2023 and beyond with a repurposed canal

Key benefits

- Existing canal structures and earthworks to be protected and maintained (or rebuilt/strengthened)
- Creation of a protected wildlife avenue for animals and plants - an environmental corridor
- Space for cycling, walking and horse riding in a safe environment to encourage more to enjoy the outdoors with benefits to participants of wellbeing, exercise, safe movement and sustainable transport options for commuting
- Improvement to air quality
- Will support Climate Change agenda

Value

- Reduction in car movement as route will provide links to Stations, schools, shops and the workplace
- Increase visitor flow into the area with subsequent economic benefits
- Will link with a significant number of new housing estates (Ford Airfield Yapton Barnham Bersted Eastergate) providing a comprehensive cycling route in the area.
- Improve congestion and ease parking issues
- Opportunities for new business growth
- Will strengthen bridleway network thereby contributing to objectives set out in local plans (Row and WSCC Transport plan)

Links

This greenway/environmental Linear park will link in the east to the proposed Littlehampton to Arundel route, centrally to the new A29 route, to the West and South to the National Cycle networks NCN2 and 88 and Chichester to the West whilst providing the infrastructure for further opportunities to link local footpaths and bridleways

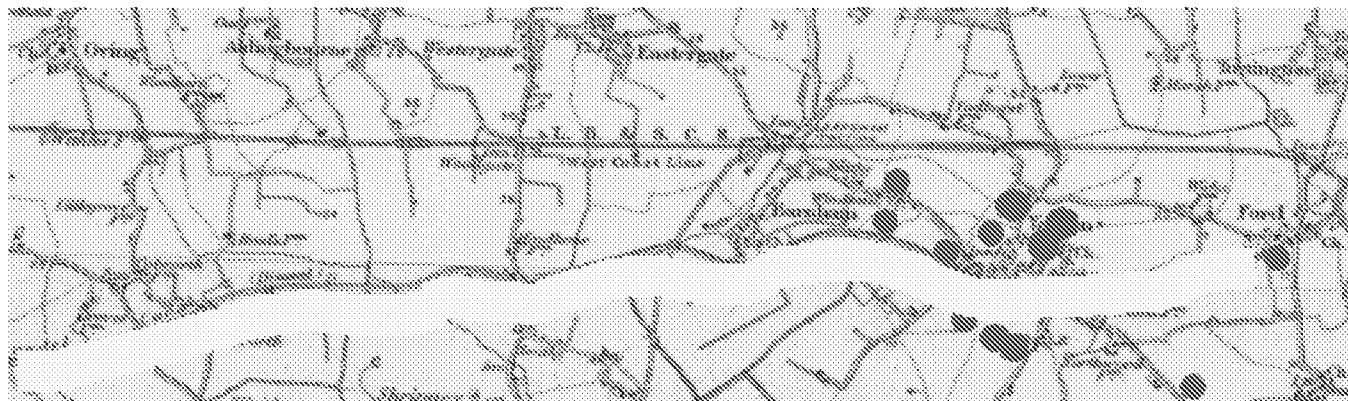
Key points

- It is appreciated that detours will be needed where due to development it is not possible to follow the original route
- It will provide a clear vision and guidance to those planning and developing the area
- Good ambitions contained in both Chichester and Arun District plans can be converted to actions that benefit the community

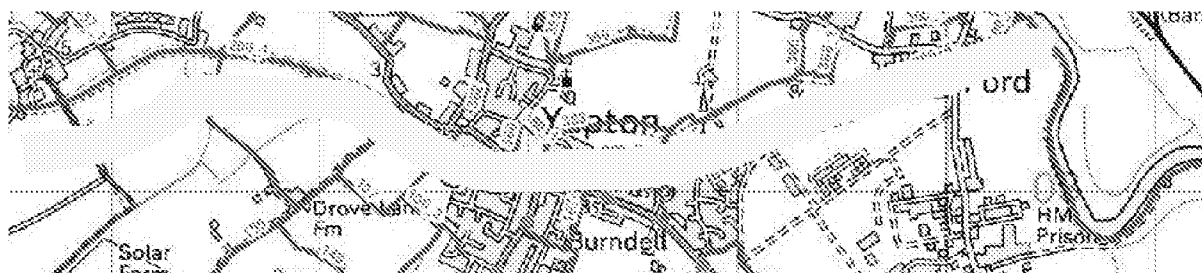
Next steps

- To establish a working group of key partners (including Parish, District, County Council and neighbourhoods)
- Broader consultation with Parishes in order to develop and formalise a plan giving greater opportunity for community engagement and support
- Identify the role that communities can play, funding streams (Government-commercial) and sponsorship options

Overlay of new Housing Estates in close proximity to Linear Park at Eastern end of route



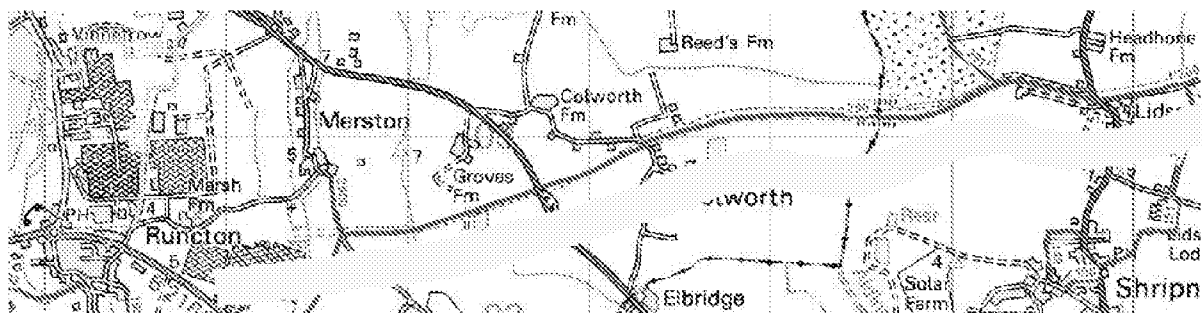
Much of route is already footpaths (200 200.1 200.2 200.3 200.4 200.5)



Follow old canal route across the Old Ford Airfield site more closely to regain heritage lost under military compulsory purchase



Make crossing of Bognor Railway branch line and A29 more accessible and safer for users



Follow canal route north of Runcion nurseries to Marsh lane and improve safety towards Hunston