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**Cc:** Julie Robinson [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sirs,

Checking back on today's work, I notice we have referenced this against the planning application. It was intended for the consultation that you are holding, and I am hoping you could still accept it for that purpose, I apologise for this error on our part and apologise for any inconvenience. Rather than sending it again, I am forwarding so that the original sending time is shown.

Sincerely,

Ralph Smith.

----- Original Message -----

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Cc: "Julie Robinson" [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 14 Jan, 21 At 16:23

Subject: Ford Airfield Application F/4/20/OUT

Dear Sirs,

Please find a PDF attached to this email, as submission to the Planning Application on behalf of the British Horse Society.

Many Thanks,

Ralph Smith,

Access and Bridleways officer,

The British Horse Society.

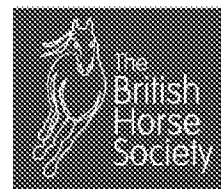
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***Reference: Outline Planning Application F/4/20/OUT***

Dear Sirs

The British Horse Society (BHS) is the UK's largest equine charity and equestrian membership organisation, and the governing body for recreational riding. Its charitable objects include the promotion of equestrian safety, particularly on roads, and equestrian access to bridleways and other off-road riding, for the public benefit. I have been made aware of the above application by several equestrians and would like to make the following comments on behalf of the Society:

We have, on the 20th March 2020 submitted views with regard to this site, and the need to upgrade footpaths to bridleways, and provide off road facilities within it's boundaries. Subsequent to that, because of the overwhelming developments facing West Sussex, and specifically Arun District, we have created a very detailed document with maps which was submitted to the Arun Active Travel Consultation, on the 1st November 2020. This document made the point that no development can be taken on it's own, and that there is a requirement to treat applications as part of a jigsaw designed to create access on a District Wide basis, and excluding plots from analysis of the overall design is exclusionist and unproductive to achieving open space of valuable use.

This site is a key factor for example in the Arun to Hunston Greenway concept, and the potential to remove vulnerable road users, walkers, cyclists and equestrians from already overcrowded traffic



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streams on existing country roads in Ford and neighbouring parishes. As part of the jigsaw, what is not provided here will be a block to extension in other parishes and other developments and failure in any part of the District jigsaw is likely to be a move of deliberate exclusion over a far greater area. We have made clear the needs to remove equestrians from roads, by opening up footpaths, and projects such as the Greenway, and our opinion is that Arun District Planners must look as a whole how this development fits as a tiny piece of the jigsaw. The principle of join up for off road facilities is a National objective and should be determined when every jigsaw piece comes up for scrutiny.

I do expect Arun District Council to take previous consultation material that impacts this site into consideration as a clear objective of deliverability of an Arun with off road facilities for the next generation, and indeed would suggest they would be most remiss as an authority if they did not do so.

The British Horse Society does expect all authorities to take on board and deal with the join up principle of moving vulnerable road users into safer environments. We are always willing to consult and assist in such planning and will assist in any way possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Ralph Smith,  
Access and Bridleways Officer.