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To: Planning <Planning@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: FAO Mr. Simon Davis re Planning Application P/70/21/DOC

Hello,

Please find the Public Rights of Way response to Planning Application P/70/21/DOC.

With regard to planning application P/70/21/DOC we have no objection to the developers crossing FP100 (Summer Lane) however we would like to highlight that the developers have a duty of care to safeguard lawful path users. Public rights take precedence over the construction traffic's private rights (of access).

To that end, we ask that:

- construction vehicle drivers be reminded that they should stop and give way to pedestrians. Signage is recommended to mitigate any potential conflict – signs should:
 - make pedestrian users aware of construction traffic;
 - remind vehicular users that public rights take precedent and vehicular users should give way to lawful public path users.

If unsure about wording, we can offer advice on wording.

- Public Footpath 100 (Summer Lane) should not be blocked, restricted, made difficult to pass over or along or be unavailable at any stage to lawful path users without a temporary path closure being applied for and approved. There is a cost associated with this and advice on this process can be sought from WSCC's PROW Team. Please be aware that the County Council considers the legal width of FP100 (Summer Lane) from the Pagham Road to Furze Field Barn to be the whole width of Summer Lane, not just part of it.
- any damage to the footpath needs to be rectified to the same or better standard than it was prior to any damage done during this vehicular use associated with this development activity, to a specification agreed by West Sussex County Council as the Highway authority.
- the developers note that if an accident or injury is caused by the vehicular traffic then it could be a case that the developers are liable so all steps should be taken to make this as safe as possible for lawful pedestrian users.

Any queries, please contact me.

Best regards,

Donna Trethewey

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