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Sent: 11 December 2020 23:13
To: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: Details of Planning decision on Application Ref: Y/78/20/RES at Land East of Drove Lane - Application Refused

Dear Mr Davis,

Although this application has been refused I'm sure it will resurface in due time therefore being very interested in the fate of the Portsmouth and Arundel canal remains I would just like to stress my strong views on proposals within this application for the canal remains and non vehicular access.

Firstly I do not feel it would meet the Local Heritage connection to the village of Yapton to demolish or resite any part of the Drove Lane canal bridge remains as there is plenty of historical record and photographic evidence that links this heritage asset specifically to it's original location and to do otherwise would destroy the very heritage connection to the village. Surely there is land available to avoid this unnecessary destruction.

Secondly although the proposal includes a cycleway through the development it does not make any attempt to link into a bigger picture for off road non vehicular access through the village of Yapton and beyond. I do support the Greenway proposal mooted by Sustrans and the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal group. I believe proposals for this are in the public domain and the Greenway would link central Yapton through towards Barnham and Ford Rail Stations and locally it would join Tack Lee road to Drove Lane using the NE corner of this development site. The Greenway includes off road access for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders and could be part of a larger scheme in time joining the Selsey and Arundel Greenways schemes already at a more advanced planning stage. I appreciate the larger scheme is not part of the remit of this development but it should not preclude the Greenway's preferred route along a repurposed canal where this is not specifically preserved as a heritage asset, as at this site, but the Greenway could be accommodated close by the canal.

Please don't destroy both the canal heritage and it's repurposed future in one go but add to the heritage and sustainable transport of this development for Yapton village and beyond.

Kind Regards
Vince Anderson
A P&A Canal Heritage volunteer and Greenway supporter

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