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Subject: RE: Fareham Borough Council - Consultation: Land to the South of Romsey Avenue P/18/1073/FP

For the attention of: Richard Wright

Site: Land to the South of Romsey Avenue Portchester

Proposal: Hybrid planning application for residential development of 225 dwellings and bird conservation area, seeking full planning permission for 58 dwellings and outline planning permission for 167 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access.

Ref: P/18/1073/FP

Thank you for sending us this consultation. Please accept this response as being that of the Countryside Service, in relation to this application we are responding on behalf of Hampshire County Council as Highway Authority in respect of Public Rights of Way. We also manage Country Parks and Countryside Sites throughout Hampshire.

Site Context

Fareham Footpath 110 travels (north / south) to the west of the development site providing pedestrian access to Portchester Road and onward sustainable transport links. Fareham Footpaths 111a and Footpath 523 travel (east / west) to the south of the development site, which will be incorporated into the route of the [England Coast Path](#) which will be a designated national trail. Our Wicor Countryside Site is also situated to the south east within a short walk of the development site.

Comment

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides that developments should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks including National Trails. The NPPF also provides that development should should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by maintaining the character of the undeveloped coast, while improving public access to it where appropriate. We therefore request that the development provide a surfaced link to the public rights of way network to the south of the development site.

We have surveyed the rights of way in the locality to ensure that the network will accommodate the increase in use as a result of the development. Some surfacing improvements will be required on Fareham Footpaths 110, 111a and 523.

The recreational impact of the development is likely to be focused on the rights of way network around the coast and the recreation ground to the south of the development site, however given that the Wicor Countryside Site is only a just a short walk from the development, there is likely to be an increase in recreational pressure at the site, and we therefore require a small contribution towards the management of this site.

It would appear that the masterplan of this development and that of the neighbouring development do not integrate in relation to access, for example the pedestrian access path to the north east of this site, appears to enter the neighbouring site in an area that is a proposed protected habitat that

would not benefit from public access. Access is to be dealt with by this application and we therefore request that these issues are resolved through this permission.

For the above reasons we object to this application. We are currently working to develop some obligations to mitigate the adverse impact of the development.

Many thanks,

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Subject: Fareham Borough Council - Consultation: Land to the South of Romsey Avenue P/18/1073/FP

I am writing to consult you on a planning application I have received (P/18/1073/FP). Details of the application and how to respond are in the attached PDF document.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this.

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