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Dear Ms. Harrison,

RE – PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER R/16/79470 LAND TO THE NORTH AND EAST OF BOORLEY GREEN, WINCHESTER ROAD, BOTLEY SO32 2UA

Thank you for your letter dated 14 November 2016 consulting the Eastleigh Ramblers on the above planning application.

The application Area is crossed by Footpath No 2 Botley – see the map below where we have identified the desire lines for users leaving the site or passing through it. We have discussed the future of this path with WYG Environment Planning Transport Limited and what they have come up with on Drawing Number PH2_PFA-SL.01 are routes that connect both ends of Footpath No 2 and the eastern end of Footpath No 1 Botley which will enable walkers coming from outside the site to pass through it although it will require a scheme of waymarking when completed. We would wish you to impose a condition that requires the proposed routes to be completed and the path legally diverted before development commences on the existing alignment. It is a legal requirement anyway but the point does need making by the local planning authority.

There is a section of the route in the northeast part of the site where the path will pass immediately adjacent to houses and shared drives. We would like to see this path moved about 10 metres away from the proposed alignment so that it is in a landscaped setting. What is proposed is unnecessarily invading the house holders' environment and they would get more privacy and less disturbance if there was a landscape buffer between them and the path and the path would be more enjoyable to users as a result.

Although it is not material to the proposals the plan does not show the correct alignment of the path between point G and H where the Eastleigh Ramblers repaired the boardwalk last week.

We have yet to receive any indication as to the future status of the other paths within the development and the future of what appears to be open space. Are the roads and paths shown on the plan the subject of Adoption Agreements and is there a scheme for the adoption and maintenance of the undeveloped areas as they will be needed by all the residents for informal recreation?

This letter is being copied to Owen Devine in the County Council's Countryside Service and the Clerk of Botley Parish Council.

Thank you for consulting us on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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