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Dear Ms. Errington,

**RE – APPLICATION NUMBER R/17/79892 – LAND SOUTH OF CHESTNUT AVENUE / NORTH  
STONEHAM PARK. CHESTNUT AVENUE, STONEHAM LANE. EASTLEIGH SO50 9HY**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 April 2017 consulting the Ramblers' Association on the amended plans submitted in respect of the above planning application.

With regard to the proposed adoptions plans and specifically plans 4 of 7 and 6 of 7 there are two proposed crossings of what appears to be a service road to the west of the proposed alignment of Footpath No 54 Eastleigh where there is a gap in the proposed path adoption. We consider that the crossing of the proposed service road should be adopted as well and designed to reflect the fact that it will be a well-used crossing and should have some delineation of the existence of the path. If these sections were not adopted there would be a break in what will be public rights of way and the owner of the unadopted part could block the public's passage. It also has been noted that the paths that it is proposed to be adopted appear to go beyond the extent of the planning application area.

We wish to continue to argue for and support the proposals contained in the planning application to divert Footpath No 54 Eastleigh (see extract from the Definitive Map (below) so that it remains a footpath through parkland rather than permit it to be retained on its existing alignment and become a road which would be contrary to government policy. Paragraph 7.8 of Defra circular 1/09 states: -

*In considering potential revisions to an existing right of way that are necessary to accommodate the planned development, but which are acceptable to the public, any alternative alignment should avoid the use of estate roads for the purpose wherever possible and preference should be given to the use of made up estate paths through landscaped or open space areas away from vehicular traffic.*

Thank you for consulting us on this Application.

Yours sincerely

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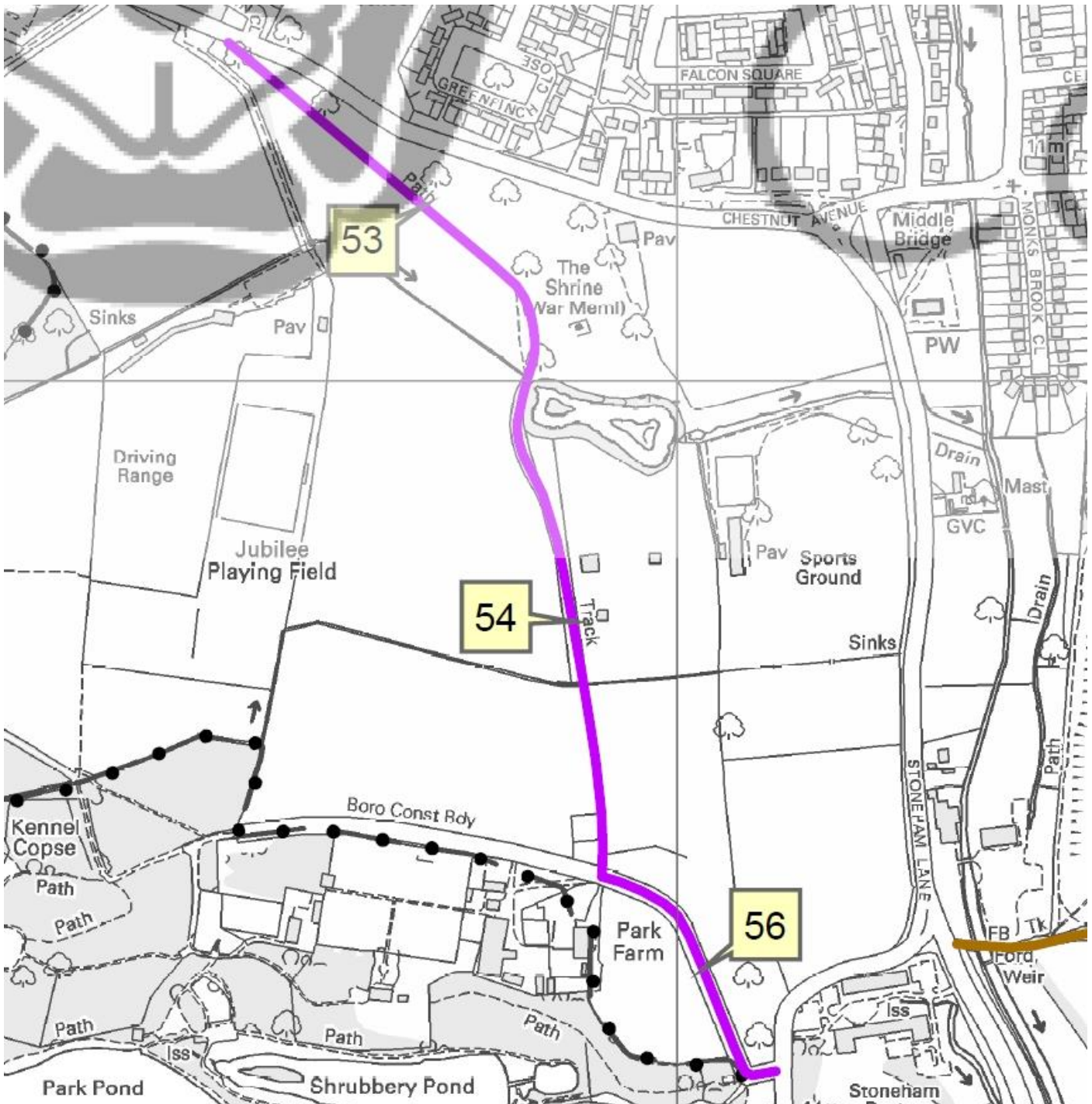
EXTRACT FROM THE DEFINITIVE MAP

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