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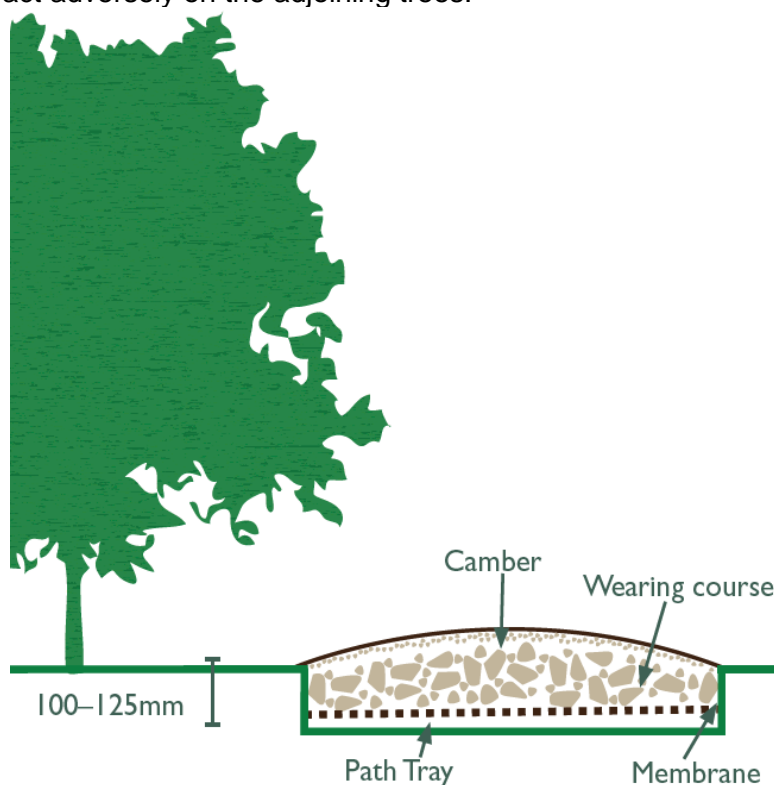
19 January 2018

Dear Mr. Huckfield

RE – PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER F/18/82322 – LAND SOUTH OF BURSLEDON ROAD, BURSLEDON SO31 8EY

Thank you for consulting the Ramblers' Association on the above planning application. We wish to be recorded as objecting to this application on the following grounds.

1. In Mott Macdonald's paper on the Diversion of Footpath No 1 and 15 Hound it is stated at Paragraph 6.1 that the diverted Footpath No 1 Hound would be a mown grass path. Whilst a grass path may be appropriate in a rural location this will become an urban area. The path is designed and intended to take external traffic around the development as well as the additional traffic from the development itself so it can be expected to be heavily used and should have a 2-metre wide artificial surface in accordance with the Countryside Service of Hampshire County Council's design standards an extract from which is below. Most users will be lightly shod and wet grass and potentially muddy paths are not appropriate. There is no reason why the construction of such a surface will impact adversely on the adjoining trees.



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- The design of the southern end of the proposed Country Park completely ignores Footpath No 15 Hound and the rationale for its existence which is to take traffic to and from the Bursledon Road and the Portsmouth Road via Green Lane. A surfaced path should be provided along the alignment shown on the extract below.

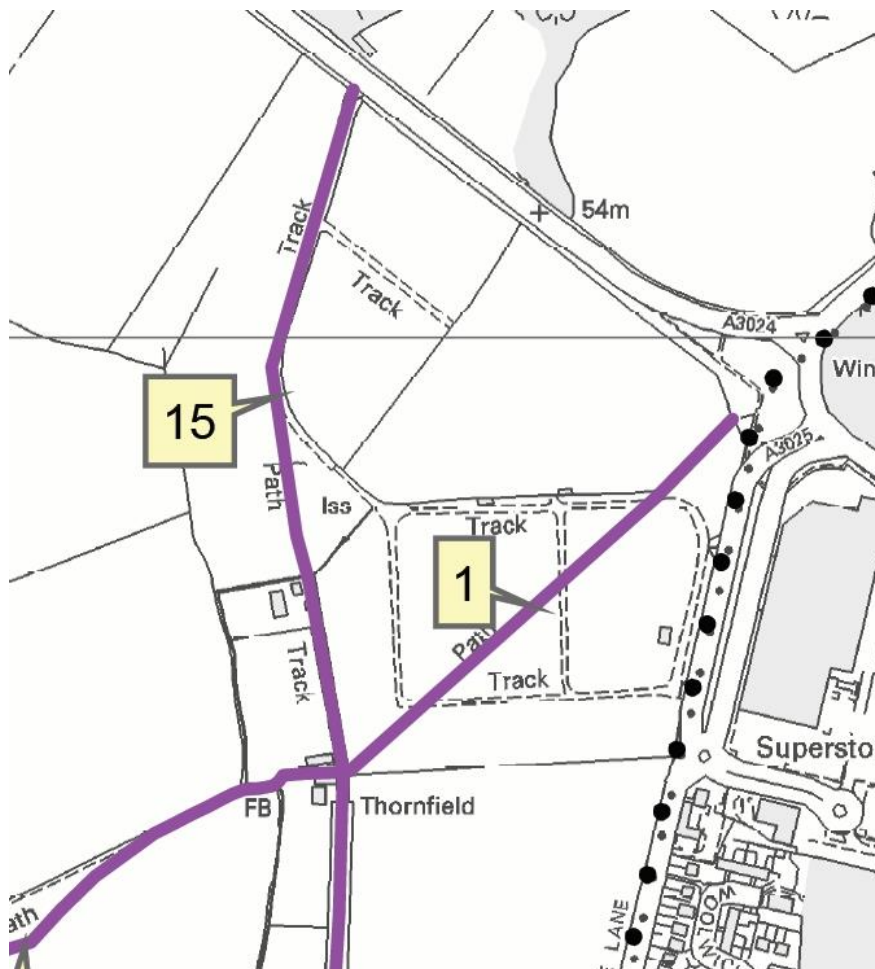


- We welcome the introduction of a route inside the scheme along the Bursledon Road frontage but the section between the access road and the north-west corner needs to be a 2-metre wide surfaced path otherwise it will not be attractive and obvious as an alternative to the shared use route along the side of the Bursledon Road carriageway which has the disadvantage of traffic noise and fumes and potential conflict with cyclists.

Below is an extract from the Definitive Map for your information.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard C. Kenchington'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a simple horizontal line.

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EASTLEIGH RAMBLERS

To
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