

Subj: **PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER O/16/79354 LAND IN FIR TREE LANE SO59 7DF**
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To
Andy Grandfield
EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

RE – PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER O/16/79354 – FIR TREE FARM AND VICTORIA FARMHOUSE, FIRTREE LANE, HORTON HEATH SO50 7DF

Thank you for your letter dated 31 October 2016 consulting the Ramblers' Association on the above planning application.

We have not formed a view on whether the proposed residential development is appropriate at this location as there are divergent views within our membership.

As the application documents record the application area is crossed by Public Footpath No 11 Fair Oak and Horton Heath and an extract from the Definitive Map is appended below together with an extract from Google Earth with the alignment of the footpath overlain in black.

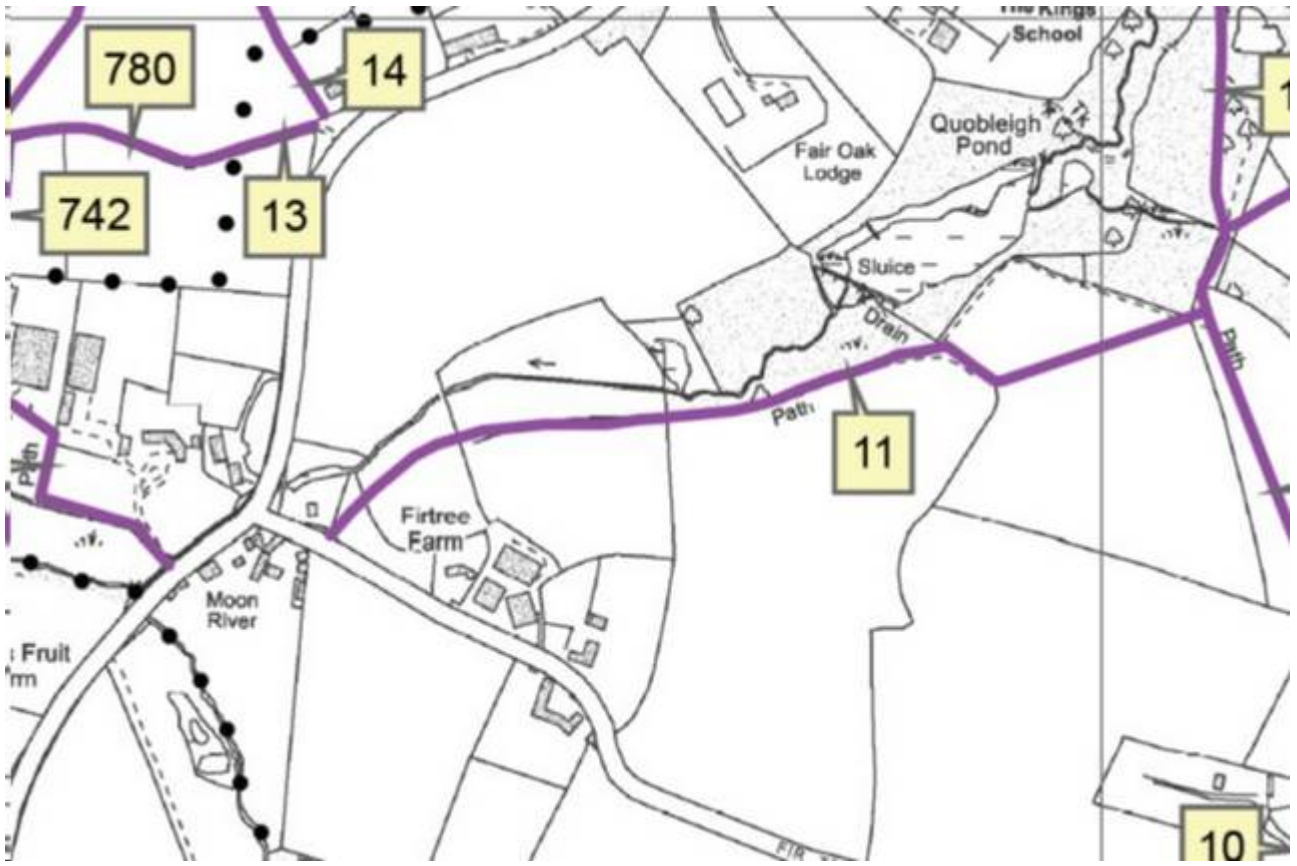
The application does not involve the loss of this path, and it is shown to be running through "open land", and although it will be crossed by a diverted Fir Tree Lane the application includes proposals for additional routes there appear to offer overall access benefits. Any consent should incorporate conditions that will secure the future provision of the access improvements proposed.

Our concerns relate to the future of the "open land" and we would wish this land to be dedicated as access land so that a wider element of access other than the designated routes can be available to existing and secured for future residents.
<https://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land/use-your-right-to-roam>

The OS Sheet used as the background to the Definitive Map shows Footpath No 11 crossing five fields from west to east. The plans show a proposed diversion outside the application area in Field No 5 which would be sensible as the majority of users follow the north and west sides of the field in any event. The diversion of the path will however require the consent of those having an interest in field number five. The solid line on the Definitive Map blocks out the detail. The legal route is along the north side of field number four in a generally easterly direction and then it turns south east at the corner of the field staying in field number four to a stile and only then crosses into field five to cross that field diagonally to a junction with Footpath No 10.

Thank you for consulting the Ramblers' Association.

This email has been copied to Owen Devine in Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service and the Clerk of Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish Council for information.



Regards

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