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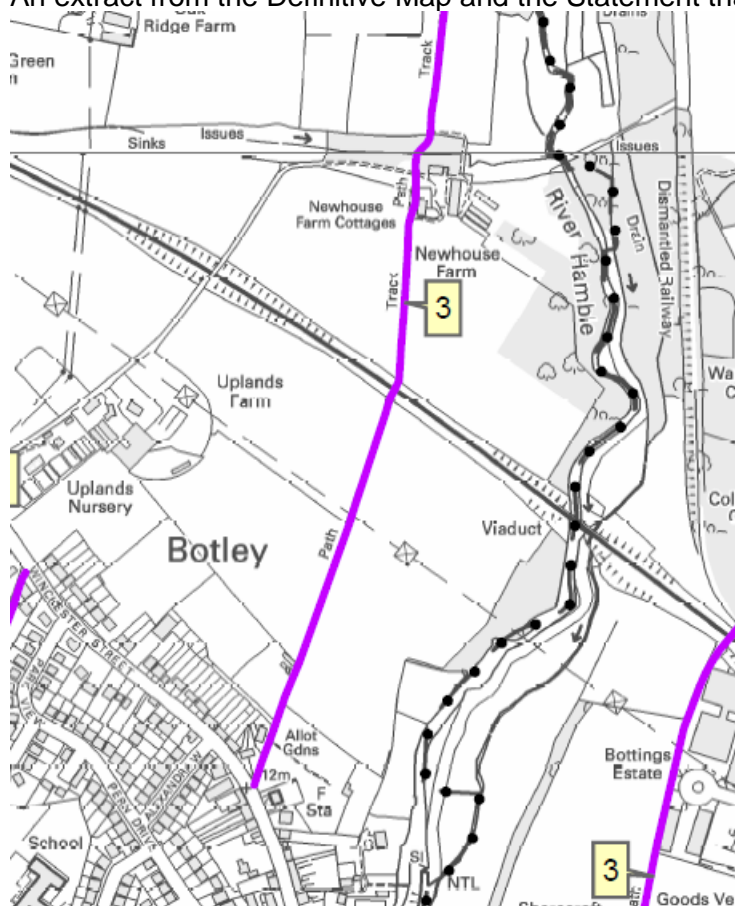
Dear Ms. Budden,

## RE – OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER O/18/83698 – LAND NORTH AND EAST OF WINCHESTER STREET, BOTLEY SO30 2AA

Thank you for your email of 30 July 2018 consulting the Eastleigh Ramblers on the above planning application. We object to this application as set out below.

As stated in the application documents this site is crossed by Footpath No 3 Botley which is a very important pedestrian link between Botley village centre and the countryside to the north east and also enabling those living to the north of the railway line to access the facilities the village provides.

An extract from the Definitive Map and the Statement that accompanies it are reproduced below.



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<u>Parish and Path No.</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Start Point (Grid ref and description)</u>	<u>End point (Grid ref and description)</u>	<u>Descriptions, Conditions and Limitations</u>
Botley 1	Footpath	4974 1509 Shamblehurst Lane	5047 1489 Winchester Road	<u>From Road C.56 at Parish Boundary to Road A.3051 south of Braxells Farm</u> From C.56 south eastwards along 10 ft. wide earth track enclosed approx. 20 ft. wide between hedges to Road A.3051.
Botley 2	Footpath	5101 1448 Maddoxford Lane	5114 1536 Durley 28 at Parish Boundary	<u>From Road U.168 to stream at Parish Boundary</u> From U.168 over stile, northwards along verge of pasture, over stile along track on verge pasture, over stile, along headland of arable field, over slip rails, westwards along verge of arable field, over stile, then northwards across pasture, over slip rails, across pasture, through field gate, along earth path, through field gate, across small pasture and over footbridge at Parish Boundary.
Botley 3	Footpath	5166 1436 Maddoxford Lane	5137 1327 Winchester Street	<u>From Road U.168 at Maddoxford Farm to Road A.3051</u> From U.168 through field gate, southwards along grass track approx. 9 ft. wide across pasture and on headland of arable field, then unenclosed between arable fields through gap and along cinder path through copse, crossing road to Newhouse Farm, along grass track unenclosed between arable fields, under railway arch, then along grass and gravel track, approx. 10 ft. wide unenclosed between arable fields to Road A. 3051.

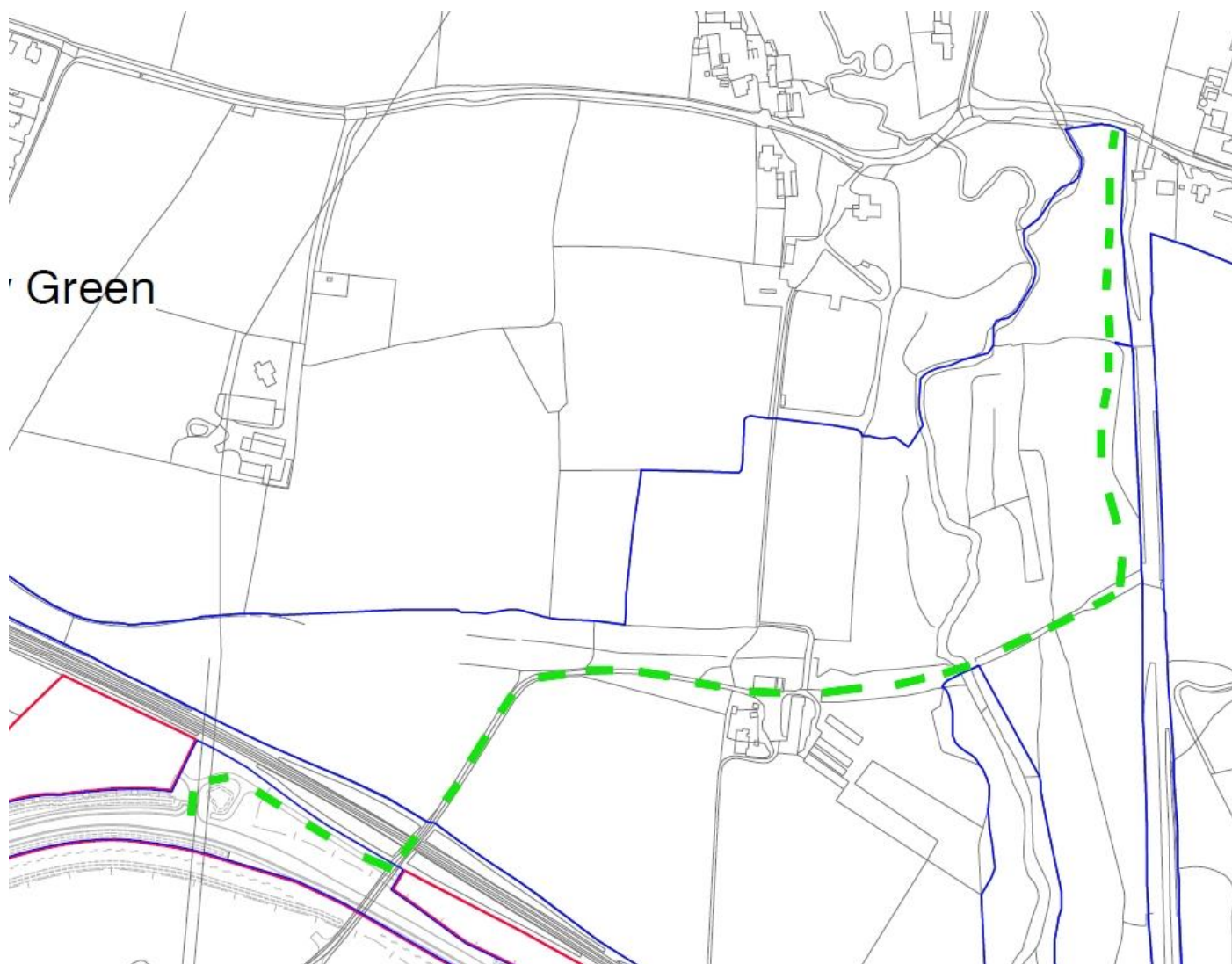
It should be noted that it has a width of 10 feet south of the railway line and is a footpath only under the railway.

**We have noted that the illustrative master plan and landscape plan both show the footpath to be retained on its existing alignment and within a landscaped setting. As these plans are for illustrative purposes only we consider it is necessary and request Eastleigh Borough Council to impose a planning condition on any approval of this application which requires the route to be retained on its existing alignment in a landscaped setting as a public footpath and not a footway save for any essential crossing of strategic road links where appropriate provision should be made for a pedestrian crossing point.**

The applicant is the owner of land both north and south of the railway line as illustrated by red and blue lines on Drawing No 251898\_PL\_020. There needs to be a specific requirement to complete the Strategic Footpath Cycleway Bridleway route shown on the Proposals Map and Policy S13 Item xi of the Draft Eastleigh Local Plan 2016-2036 and we object to this application because it is not included in the application. The proposed route from the Botley Bypass northwards is shown on the extract from Drawing No. 251898\_PL-020 below in green dashes. There should be a requirement to complete an adopted bridleway along this route before the first dwelling is occupied. This route is included in the planning consent for the Botley Bypass and it needs to be taken further north not just to the Borough Boundary but through to Wangfield Lane without which the proposed development will be without any non-motorised connections for cyclists and equestrians from Botley and the development site to the countryside in Curdrige and Durley and frustrate the expressed policy of Botley, Curdrige and Bishop's Waltham Parish Councils to develop a trail between Botley and Bishop's Waltham as recorded in the Statement of Intent which appears in the Appendix below.

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Only one part of the land is not owned by the applicant and that is the bridge over the railway line which is in the ownership of Network Rail and they have indicated to us that they are prepared to cooperate in facilitating the completion of this route subject to (a) the raising of the parapets of the bridge to 1.8 metres by railings fixed to the parapet to a design they approve; (b) that the fencing at either end of the bridge be upgraded if necessary to ensure that there is no possibility of access by the public to the operational railway; (c) that the responsibility for the maintenance of the surface of the bridge to a standard suitable for a bridleway traffic falls on a party other than Network Rail; and (d) no cost associated with the project falling on Network Rail.

The following extract from the National Planning Policy Framework is relevant

*102. Transport issues should be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making and development proposals, so that:*

- a) the potential impacts of development on transport networks can be addressed;*
- (b) .....*

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c) opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport use are identified and pursued;

**We request Eastleigh Borough Council to include enforceable provisions by condition as part of any outline planning approval or as a requirement of a prior Section 106 Agreement that will require the applicant to dedicate the route within their ownership shown above as a bridleway and to construct same to the satisfaction of Eastleigh Borough Council and the highway authority and to conclude an agreement for its continuation across the railway line so to provide opportunities for sustainable transport and recreation before any dwelling within the application site is occupied.**

Thank you for consulting the Ramblers on this matter.

This letter is being copied to the members of the Hedge End, West End and Botley Local Area Committee and the Countryside Service of Hampshire County Council for information and hopefully their support.

Yours sincerely

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APPENDIX – STATEMENT OF INTENT

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## **THE BOTLEY TO BISHOP'S WALTHAM BRIDLEWAY PROJECT**

### **Statement of intent by the Parish Councils of Botley, Curdridge and Bishop's Waltham**

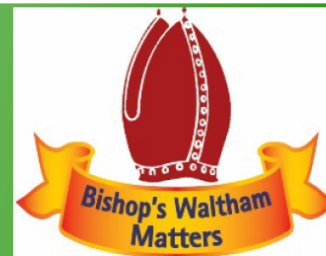
**“The Councils will work together to achieve the creation of a bridleway between Botley and Bishop's Waltham through Curdridge to provide a safe off-road route for pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists on a route following the valley of the River Hamble”**

The only direct route from Botley to Bishop's Waltham is the B3035, a road with high levels of vehicular traffic. It is inherently dangerous for non-motorised users because of the bends, undulations and lack pavements or verges. A new route can be created between the two settlements located away from the B3035 in the valley of the River Hamble where the recreational opportunities can be maximised within an attractive and less polluted corridor. This would form a connection between Bishop's Waltham and Botley railway station at Curdridge, the bridleway to Hedge End, and create a link between the settlements around Southampton and the South Downs National Park including the proposed North Whiteley development.

The three Parishes have extensive equestrian facilities and activities, though a bridleway network does not exist between the settlements. All have witnessed an increase in cycling and recreational walking over the past few years. For these reasons the Parish Councils will work together with local landowners to achieve a practical route that can be of benefit to the whole community.

#### **The Councils will work together in pursuance of the following objectives:**

- Ensure that all statutory plans facilitate the creation of the bridleway
- Negotiate a route with the relevant landowners that is consistent with existing land uses
- Maximise opportunities to raise funding for such a project
- Purchase lands that could be used for a route when such opportunities arise
- Consider the needs of pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists when further proposals for development in their areas are promoted
- Oppose development within the Hamble Valley that makes non-motorised traffic less attractive or prejudices the establishment of an acceptable bridleway route within the Hamble Valley
- Participate in a Working Party dedicated to achieving these objectives and work with central government, all public bodies and national and local amenity organisations and landowners and their representatives who are interested in enhancing the bridleway opportunities in the three Parishes.



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This statement of intent was adopted by

BOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 by Minute No. 106/14/PAR

CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL at its meeting on 18 September 2014 by Minute No. 81

BISHOPS WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 by Minute No. 14:151

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