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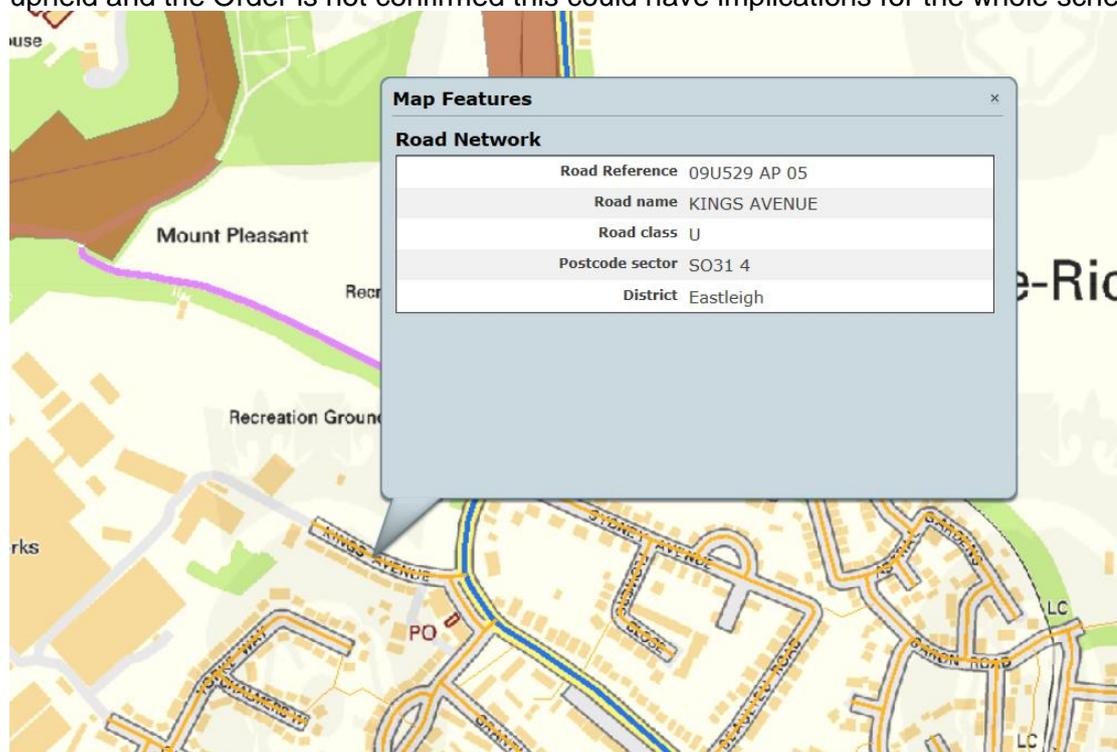
1 November 2018

Dear Mr. Grandfield,

RE – PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER O/18/84191 – GE AVIATION, KINGS AVENUE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE SO31 4NF

Thank you for your email of 30 October 2018 consulting the Eastleigh Ramblers on the above planning application.

Within the application area is Kings Avenue which is an unclassified road serving around 20 houses (see the extract from the on-line mapping below). From it runs an unadopted roadway serving a significant number of premises other than those directly fronting Kings Avenue. The illustrative layout proposes the replacement of Kings Avenue with a new road to the north with part of the existing road retained to serve the houses fronting Kings Avenue with a more circuitous route to the unadopted roadway. Anyone who has property interests in the area served by Kings Avenue will need to ensure that the highway access they currently enjoy is safeguarded and maintained in a way that meets their requirements. The developers need to be aware that any Stopping Up of highway rights may not be a foregone conclusion. If there are objections there could easily be a need for a public inquiry. If an order is contested and if the objections are upheld and the Order is not confirmed this could have implications for the whole scheme.

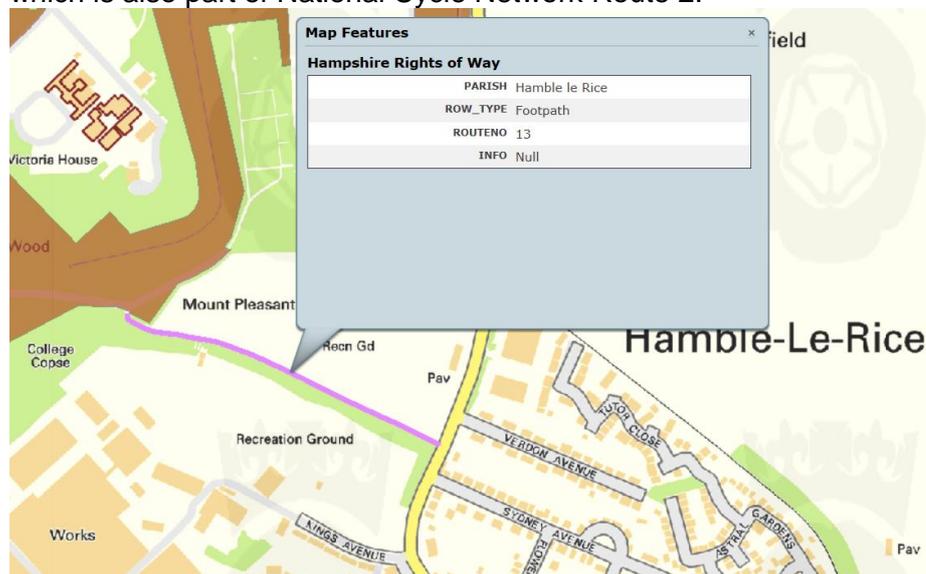


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Just outside of the application area along the northern boundary is Footpath Number 13 Hamble-le-Rice which is also part of National Cycle Network Route 2.



The illustrative site layout needs to be developed further to incorporate the following points.

- (a) The unsightly fence along the northern boundary of the site should be removed so that the footpath/cycleway becomes an integral part of the development with an improved street scene.
- (b) At the junction of the footpath/cycleway and Hamble Lane the fencing on the Hamble Lane frontage should be removed or set back to enable better sight lines when exiting from the footpath/cycleway.
- (c) There are three connections shown from the development to the footpath/cycleway. The one connection from the roadway should be a cycleway link.
- (d) Consideration should be given to moving the westernmost link further west as the desire line will be in the direction of the Royal Victoria Country Park.
- (e) All the links shown will need to have adequate sightlines to the footpath/cycleway as it would be reasonable to expect cyclists to be travelling at 15-20 mph.
- (f) The footpath/cycleway has within it existing trees which restrict the available width. With the removal of the fence there should be localised widening at these locations to resolve these width issues.
- (g) The layout plan and the existing site layout plan do not show the separation of the footpath and cycleway routes outside the application area near the north west corner and the zig-zag route of the cycleway. These should be shown in the event of (d) above.

Thank you for consulting the Eastleigh Ramblers.

Yours sincerely

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