

PLANNING REF : 252498  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 5 Sparvells Eversley  
: Hook  
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SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Kate Humphreys  
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COMMENTS:

I keep my horse at a yard on Greensward Lane and regularly use the existing byways off Church Lane to ride a route to Carters Hill and into the Coombes. Having reviewed the proposal I have concerns and questions about equestrian access throughout the work and on completion:

1. Will the existing Byways remain as they are, off road tracks that cannot be used by vehicles. Ideally could they be downgraded to restricted byways to ensure safe off road access?
2. The 3 historic lanes (Holloway Lane, Bear Lane and Langley Lane) which have been recommended for bridleway status by Wokingham Borough Council are not clearly shown on the plans and appear to be for walking and cycling only. Please can they be designated as bridleways as per the recommendation.
2. In the plans and in particular map PP03 it mentions walking and cycling routes but no mention of routes for horse riders? Will any routes be designated as bridleways to accommodate horse riders? Also horse riding and cycling should be permitted on the Greenway route especially where they connect to existing networks but the Loddon long distance route appears to be for walking only?
3. How will horse riders be protected from the construction works whilst still allowing access to the existing PROWs? Will new PROWs be put in place before works start to allow horse riders to avoid busy and dangerous areas? The construction works will inevitably mean large vehicles, additional noise and additional traffic to an already busy surrounding road network so maintaining safe off road access is so important.

Please consider the impact this development will have on horse riders and equestrian businesses in the area and ensure provision is put in place.