

PLANNING REF : 252587
PROPERTY ADDRESS : FBC Centre
: Gorse Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham
: RG40 4ES
SUBMITTED BY : Finchampstead Parish Council
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/11/2025

COMMENTS:

The Committee RESOLVED to raise NO OBJECTION to this planning application.

However they would like to submit the following comment in terms of their specific interest related to cross border rights of way:

We understand that the existing Bailey bridge (haul road bridge) which spans the Blackwater river between the Chandlers Farm application site and the Manor Farm restored quarry land of the north side of the river, is to be retained, following discussions several years ago between Hampshire County Council, Wokingham Borough Council, Environment Agency, and the Local Access Forum. It is not clear from the new CEMEX plans whether any new rights of way (or permissive paths) will be created on the Hampshire side of the Blackwater river, enabling a valuable cross border traffic free link to the Manor Farm site on the north side of the river, which already has newly created paths, (which will soon be designated as rights of way). The Bailey bridge (haul road bridge) also links directly into the Blackwater Valley National Path on the north side of the river.

We do hope that CEMEX and HCC will not miss this opportunity to facilitate the creation of a valued public right of way on the south side of the river, that will become a valued link between the communities of Eversley and Yateley and Finchampstead

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).