

Application no: 23/00916/DISC

Location: Heyford Park, Camp Road, Upper Heyford, OX25 5HD

Transport Development Control

Recommendation:

Objection

Key issues:

The Fencing Strategy does not take into account requirements related to public rights of way.

Detailed comments:

This application is to discharge condition 38 of 18/00825/HYBRID, which calls for the various strategies in relation to the Flying Field. This does not include the area to be developed for housing and employment, but it includes some rights of way.

The Fencing Strategy has implications for public rights of way requirements. It does not provide for the perimeter fence to be changed to reflect:

- The requirement to reopen Aves Ditch. This was condition 30 on the 2011 planning permission (and in the S106 agreement) and required details of the Aves Ditch route to be submitted within three months of that planning permission and implementation within 18 months of that. **Despite repeated reminders, details have still not been submitted, 12 years later.** Aves Ditch is a critical local bridleway link that must be reopened in the interests of sustainable transport connectivity and affording leisure opportunities to local people that are currently denied to them. OCC expect that CDC will not discharge condition 38 of 18/00825/HYBRID until this is resolved.
- The requirement relating to the Heritage Trail on the northern perimeter of the flying field, where the legal line of footpath 349/13 (which forms part of the trail) runs inside the boundary. The perimeter fence must be moved to accommodate the legal line of the footpath or Dorchester must negotiate a diversion by working with neighbours. If progress is being made towards the latter, this must be referred to in the strategy and the strategy must be conditional upon this, with regard to a requirement to move the perimeter fence. OCC require an update on this matter. Whilst unresolved, this is again denying legitimate leisure opportunities to local people.
- The opening up of the extension of Chilgrove Drive, which is to form the main bus and HGV route into the development. This will necessitate widening the opening in the fence.

It also does not acknowledge Portway bridleway, which has already been opened and fenced off across the western edge of the flying field.

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