
Application Reference: 08/00716/OUT
Statement concerning Discharge of Condition 30
Reinstatement of the Portway and Ave's Ditch public footpaths

N.B. See also Plan D.0291_01-B - Footpath Detail

The Portway and Ave's Ditch public footpaths, prior to the construction of the airbase, both ran in a north-south direction; the former across what is now the western part of the airfield and the latter across the eastern part of the airfield.

The proposal is now to reinstate both footpaths to allow public access across the airfield once again. However, owing to the former airfield's Conservation Area status the intention is to minimise the amount of disturbance as a result of the reinstatement process.

It is envisaged that the Portway would follow close to its original alignment, leading off Camp Road along an existing over grown track and then across the grass apron of the Flying Field.

A low key but surfaced path would be created using naturally self binding gravel contained within timber edging. The path at 1.8 metres wide would allow for two people to pass each other and enable push chair and wheelchair access. The new construction footpath would connect to areas of retained hard standing associated with the former airfield.

The reinstated Ave's Ditch, in contrast to the Portway, would, instead of following its original alignment, utilise the retained perimeter road to pass around the eastern perimeter of the airfield.

On exiting the site the Ave's Ditch will be surfaced to the same specification as the Portway.