

RIGHTS OF WAY STATEMENT

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Land at Wykham Park Farm Banbury



Introduction

- 1.1 This Public Rights of Way Statement is prepared on behalf of Gallagher Estates, in support of an outline planning application for a residential led, mixed use development on land east of Bloxham Road (A361) and south of Salt Way, Banbury.
- 1.2 This statement references the existing rights of way that cross through the site; demonstrates how the proposals could facilitate their retention; and refers to opportunities for improvements to public rights of way as part of the design and layout of the proposals for Land at Wykham Park Farm.
- 1.3 Further detail in respect of the footpath and cycle links as a key part of the movement strategy for the site are contained within the Design and Access Statement that supports this outline application.

Existing Rights of Way

- 1.4 A footpath (120/47) and a bridleway (137/11) cross the eastern part of the site, in a north-south direction, connecting into Wykham Lane to the south and Salt Way to the north. A further footpath follows the western site boundary running north-south along the Bloxham Road (120/49).
- 1.5 The Salt Way (120/41) to the north of the site is part of the National Cycle Network traffic free route and is known as Route 5 which connects with villages such as Bodicote to the east and Bloxham to the south. The Salt Way, facilitates pedestrian access to White Post Lane to the east, which leads to Banbury Cricket Club Pavillion, beyond which is the village of Bodicote.
- 1.6 These existing rights of way are shown on the Definitive Map (appendix 1) and reproduced at Figure 3: *Existing Infrastructure Plan* within the DAS.

The Proposals

- 1.7 Figure 16: *Green Infrastructure Strategy* within the DAS illustrates how the proposals could accommodate both existing and opportunities for new public rights of way.
- 1.8 Where possible and appropriate, the routes of Public Rights of Way within the site would be maintained along their existing course, for example, the illustrative layout

demonstrates retention of the bridleway 137/11 through the site as part of a retained north-south green link at the eastern edge of the site.

- 1.9 The footpath 120/47 could also be retained within the development, but may require a slight realignment at the southern edge of the development to traverse the sports pitches.
- 1.10 The footpath 120/49 which follows the western site boundary along the Bloxham Road could be retained and enhanced by the new landscape parkland setting at the entrance to the site.
- 1.11 The Design and Access Statement demonstrates how the development proposals reinforce the character of Salt Way as an attractive footpath and cycleway. There are opportunities to create additional links from the site to forge connections with the existing communities to the north of the site, at Easington and Banbury Academy and Blessed George Napier Catholic School.
- 1.12 The layout of the proposals is arranged with the local centre at its heart with streets, footpaths and green spaces radiating out towards the edges. The school is located near to the local centre, but at the northern edge of the site, where it could create positive linkages into Salt Way to facilitate connections to the wider residential communities and schools.
- 1.13 In addition, the layout accommodates a route for a circular bridleway link between Salt Way and the southern edge of the site an aspiration referenced in the emerging site specific local plan policy Banbury 17.
- 1.14 In summary, all existing Public Rights of Way could be retained and enhanced by the development proposals to ensure that safe and attractive pedestrian, bridle and cycle links between existing and new developments are created.

Outline Planning Application

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Appendix 1 – Extract of Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Oxfordshire

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