

Consultee Comment for planning application 19/01037/REM

Application Number	19/01037/REM
Location	OS Parcels 6741 And 5426 West Of Cricket Field Nor Wykham Lane Bodicote
Proposal	Reserved matters to 15/01326/OUT - Layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for the residential development of up to 280 dwellings and 34 space car park.
Case Officer	Linda Griffiths
Organisation Name	
Name	Rights Of Way (OCC)
Address	Beth Rutterford (RoW Field Officer - Northeast)
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Comments	<p>Oxfordshire County Council acts as the highway authority for most public rights of way (PRoW) ? footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways. The County Council has the statutory duty to assert and protect public rights and keep PRoW reasonably convenient for public users. Note that this response may be superseded by an OCC 'Single Response' reply. OCC priorities for working with development applications are to protect existing countryside access/PRoW, and where possible and reasonable, seek to mitigate the impacts of development to enhance the network for all users. These are set out in the adopted Rights of Way Management Plan 2015-2025 available at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/rowip Rights of way and green infrastructure provision on the site is welcomed. However, from the application, it is not clear if there will be a signalised Pegasus type crossing of Main Street where the footpath and proposed new bridleway is being provided. Given that this is a key traffic-free path it is felt important that non-motorised users are able to use it easily and safely. It is also not clear on the legal mechanism proposed to create the new bridleway and whether this route will be managed in perpetuity alongside other green infrastructure and public open space facilities. Please note other standard measures for applications affecting public rights of way 1. Correct route of public rights of way: Note that it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that their application takes account of the legally recorded route and width of any public rights of way as recorded in the definitive map and statement. This may differ from the line walked on the ground. The Definitive Map and Statement is available online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/definitivemap. 2. Temporary obstructions. No materials, plant, temporary structures or excavations of any kind should be deposited / undertaken on or adjacent to the Public Right of Way that obstructs the public right of way whilst development takes place. 3. Route alterations. The development should be designed and implemented to fit in with the existing public rights of way network. No changes to the public right of way?s legally recorded direction or width must be made without first securing appropriate temporary or permanent diversion through separate legal process. Alterations to surface, signing or structures shall not be made without prior written permission by Oxfordshire County Council.. Note that there are legal mechanisms to change PRoW when it is essential to enable a development to take place. But these mechanisms have their own process and timescales and should be initiated as early as possible ? usually through the local planning authority. 4. Vehicle access (construction): No construction / demolition vehicle access may be taken along or across a public right of way without prior written permission and appropriate safety/mitigation measures approved by Oxfordshire County Council. 5. Vehicle access (Occupation): No vehicle access may be taken along or across a public right of way to residential or commercial sites without prior written permission and appropriate safety and surfacing measures approved by Oxfordshire County Council. 6. Gates / right of way: Any gates provided in association with the development shall be set back from the public right of way or shall not open outwards from the site across the public right of way. 7. Improvements to routes: Public rights of way through the site should be integrated with the development and improved to meet the pressures caused by the development whilst retaining their character where appropriate. This may include upgrades to some footpaths to enable cycling or horse riding and better access for commuters or people with lower agility. Proposed improvements should be discussed and agreed with Oxfordshire County Council. Paul Harris Principal Officer, Countryside Access Strategy & Development Oxfordshire County Council</p>
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