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PLANNING APPLICATION WA/2018/1239

PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY 6 and PUBLIC FOOTPATH 577 (Godalming)

The Countryside Access Office notes the affect of the proposed development to Public Bridleway 6 and Public Footpath 577 Godalming. This office has no objections to the application subject to the following comments.

The improvements to Public Footpath 577 and Public Bridleway 6 (Godalming) as set out in the Transport Assessment document ITB12206-006B and plan ITB12206-GA-024A should be included as a condition. As these are both vital links within the development and further onto the station.

The surfacing of Public Footpath 577 and Public Bridleway 6 should be done in consultation with the Countryside Access team. Both paths should be provided with a year round surface and Public Footpath 577 should be widened to 2m.

- Safe public access must be maintained at all times. If this is not possible whilst work is in progress then an official temporary closure order will be necessary. Notice, of not less than 6 weeks, must be given and the cost is to be borne by the applicant.
- There are to be no obstructions on the public right of way at any time, this is to include vehicles, plant, scaffolding or the temporary storage of materials and/or chemicals.
- Any alteration to, or replacement of, the existing boundary with the public right of way, or erection of new fence lines, must be done in consultation with the Rights of Way Group. Please give at least 3 weeks notice.
- Any down pipes or soakaways associated with the development should either discharge into a drainage system or away from the surface of the right of way.
- There should be no encroachments by new fascias, soffits, gutters etc over the boundary of the existing property onto the public right of way.
- Access along a public right of way by contractors' vehicles, plant or deliveries can only be allowed if the applicant can prove that they have a vehicular right. Surrey County

Councils' Countryside Access Group will look to the applicant to make good any damage caused to the surface of the rights of way connected with the development.

Applicants are reminded that the granting of planning permission does not authorise the obstruction or interference with a public right of way. I am enclosing an extract from the Definitive Map showing the exact location of the various public rights of way for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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Enc: Definitive Map extract

