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19 July 2023

Dear Ms. Martin,

**RE PLANNING APPLICATION F/23/95510 – BURSLEDON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,  
SCHOOL ROAD, BURSLEDON**

Thank you for your Council's email of 19 July 2023 consulting the Ramblers' Association on the above planning application. Spring Grove is part of Footpath No 12 Bursledon.

This application is an improvement on earlier applications in that it does not propose the construction of parking spaces other than within the area already accessed from an existing access from the junction of School Road and Spring Grove and with the addition of one car space numbered 1 on the site plan. It does however involve the removal of the existing gates, railings and the vegetation along the frontage to Spring Grove as far as the eastern end of Car Space No 1 which is presumably intended to facilitate the turning and moving of vehicles in and out of the car spaces.

It does propose the construction of pedestrian accesses to Units 2 and 3 from Spring Grove where no accesses have previously existed and upon which those units will rely for the functioning of the dwellings. This would mean users of vehicles desiring to park there for the purposes of deliveries and unloading. As Spring Grove is a public footpath any vehicular use would have to be as a result of the existence of private rights over Spring Grove. The developer of these two units and the prospective purchasers thereof should satisfy themselves that such rights exist and if they do exist they can be exercised in a way that does not interfere with other owners rights over Spring Grove. They also need to be aware that anyone who willfully obstructs free passage along the footpath would be committing a criminal offence under Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980.

Although only affecting the public footpath from a scenic point of view this application would appear to involve the removal of vegetation the impact of which needs to be considered by the local planning authority. Consideration needs to be given to where and how the refuse bins will be moved to and stored on bin collection days. This needs to be in a way that does not obstruct those that do have a legal right to use Spring Grove and so as not to obstruct the public footpath.

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In view of the above we object to the application on the grounds that in the interests of the proper planning of the area and the protection of the use of the public footpath any redevelopment should be limited to two dwellings and four car spaces with all vehicular and pedestrian access to the properties being taken solely from the existing unamended vehicular access from Church Road thus maintaining the current use and operation of Spring Grove.

Yours sincerely

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Richard C. Kenchington FRICS IRRV (Hons),  
Footpath Secretary, EASTLEIGH RAMBLERS

To  
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EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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