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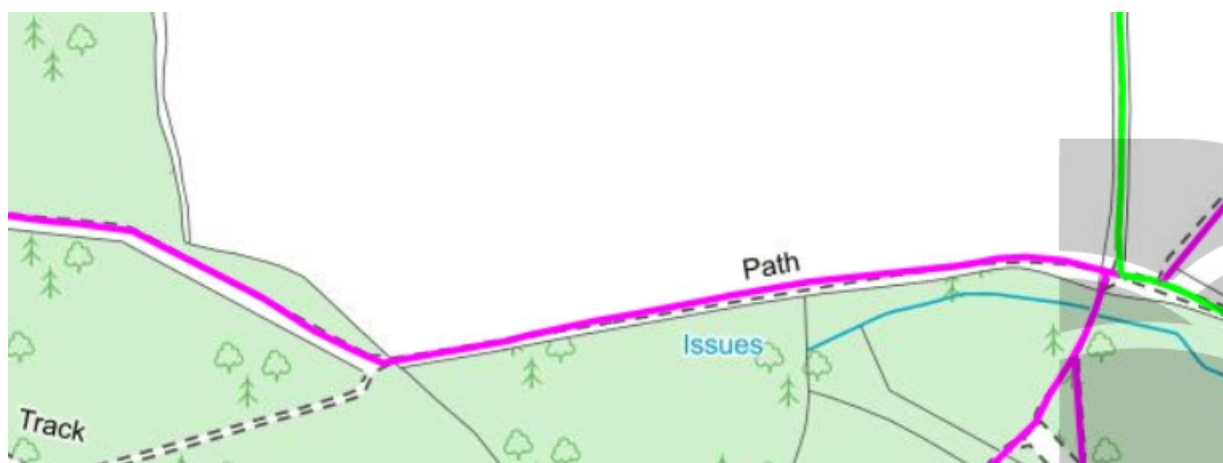
Dear Dawn,

**RE PLANNING APPLICATION F/24/95844 – LAND AT STOKE PARK FARM, BISHOPSTOKE
SO50 6DW**

Thank you for your Council's email of 18 August 2023 consulting the Eastleigh Group of the Ramblers' Association on the above planning application.

We have included below extracts from the Ordnance Survey Mapping with the Hampshire Definitive Map overlain thereon.

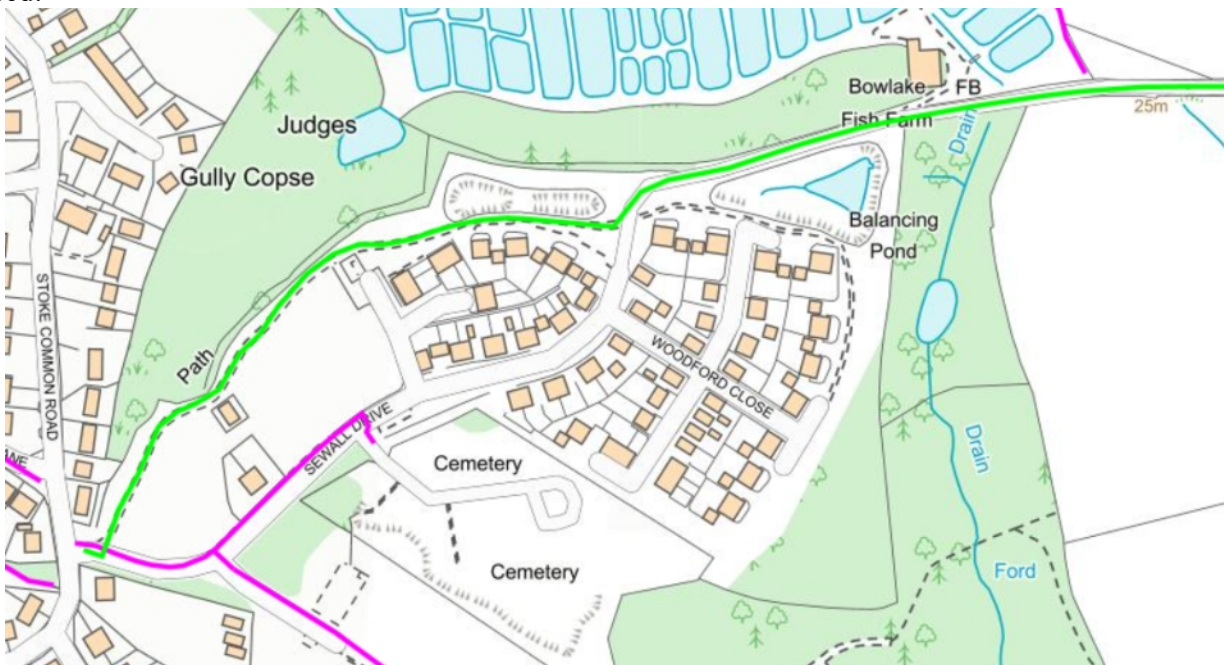
With regard to the southern end of the application area Footpath No 730 Bishopstoke runs outside the wood but fenced from the field to the north. It is not clear from the Location Plan within the application nor LD-1-03 SITE PLAN (SOUTH) whether that right of way is in the application area or outside it. We are assuming the gate shown on that latter plan is on to the right of way not into the woods. Please treat this letter as an objection if there is any intention to affect the right of way.



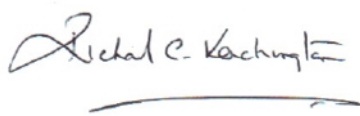
Most walkers who visit this area (because at present they cannot park anywhere near it) visit it as part of a longer walk and we would expect that this will continue to be the case even when a car park is provided.

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You will recall that Bridleway 724 Bishopstoke which used to run along the access road to Stoke Park Farm for the first part going east from Stoke Common Road, was diverted and the access road was dug up and houses built along the original alignment. The public had no legal right to take vehicles along the Bridleway by virtue of its highway status and this remains the case for the current alignment. Sewall Drive is not on the List of Publicly Maintainable Streets and the only rights the public have along it are in part as part of Bridleway 724 Bishopstoke (in green on the plan below) and as part of Footpath Nos 504a and 782 Bishopstoke (in purple). The applicants need to satisfy themselves (a) that they have the required private rights over Sewall Drive (particularly where it is not contiguous with the original farm road) to invite the public to use it; and (b) that those rights extend to enabling the application area to be used in the manner proposed.



Yours sincerely



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To
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