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Hi Gary,

Please see response below to comments raised regarding PRow - Footpath 3:

'Having investigated the local Ramblers enquiry in liaison with the Hampshire County Council Area Countryside Access Manager, the flooding issue seems to be on land owned by Network Rail. The Reserved Matters Application (RMA) planning boundary for the biodiversity enhancement zone phase therefore appears to be outside the area affected by seasonal flooding to Footpath 3.'

In its statutory responsibility as the Highway Authority for Public Rights of Way, Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service were consulted as part of the Botley bypass planning application in September 2017. In its response, the maintenance issue of existing seasonal flooding of Footpath 3 was not raised at the time. The Countryside Service response did however raise other comments which were factored into the final design of the Botley Bypass that was subsequently granted planning permission 17/02023/HCS by Hampshire County Council in its role as the determining Local Planning Authority on 22/11/2017.

I can also confirm that no changes are proposed to Footpath 3 as part of the biodiversity enhancement zone RMA proposals. The proposed landscaped scheme will not change existing green-field run-off rates. The additional scrapes and retention basin features within the proposals are instead likely to slow down the flow of surface water drainage in this area which is more likely to have a positive benefit to the public accessibility of Footpath 3.

In addition, I appreciate you may also be aware that upgrade works and a financial contribution of £72,675 towards surface and maintenance improvements to Botley Footpath 3 were secured under Schedule 13 and Plan 5 of the S.106 Agreement pursuant to the Botley Fields outline permission O/18/83698. The current intention is that the Footpath 3 works and contribution would be undertaken and paid for by the prospective purchaser / developer of Botley Fields. Subject to agreement of the final specification for the Footpath 3 works with Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority and Countryside Access Authority, my understanding is that this could help assist the existing seasonal flooding of Footpath 3.'

Kind Regards

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