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For the attention of Gary Osmond:

Planning reference: F/25/98808

Site location: Police training centre, Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley Abbey,
Southampton, SO31 4TS

Proposal: Erection of 3.0 metre high steel mesh security fence to site boundaries,
with vehicular entrance gates, and widening of access drive from Hamble Lane.

Consultation response: No Objection subject to conditions

Thank you for consulting Hampshire Countryside Service (the Service) as Highway Authority in respect of Public Rights of Way (PROW) and Commons Registration Authority. We also manage Country Parks and Countryside Sites throughout Hampshire. Please accept this as our response to the above application, taking into account the material considerations relating to PROW, Commons and impacts to Hampshire County Council (HCC) Country Parks and Countryside Sites.

Site Context:

- Hound Footpath 6 (FP6) runs west from the B3397 alongside the railway line, terminating at Hound Road. A section of it runs parallel to the site's access road.
- Part of the PROW forms a section of the Hamble Rail Trail.
- Royal Victoria Country Park (RVCP), an HCC Country Park, surrounds much of the site.

A copy of the Definitive Map of Rights of Way and Definitive Statement and Countryside Sites can be found at <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/rightsofwaydefinitivemap/> and <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap>

Commentary:

The applicant's comments in the Planning Statement, para. 4.2.3, regarding proposed lighting along the PROW are acknowledged. The Service further understands the proposed lighting next to FP6 would be managed by the Police training centre, with no expectation for such management falling to the Service.

No objection is raised to the proposed 3m high security fencing, provided it is installed no closer to the footpath than the existing fencing, so as to avoid encroaching upon the width of the PROW.

As referred to by the applicant in the Planning Statement, para. 5.7.2, and in the event planning permission is granted, the Service would support a condition requiring details to be provided to the planning authority of how the safety of users of FP6 shall be accommodated during the works. In addition, the Service requests the following condition is also added to any permission granted.

Conditions:

1. No vehicles, machinery, equipment, materials, including fencing and lighting, spoil, scaffolding, or anything else associated with the works shall be positioned on or near to Hound Footpath 6 at any time, as to cause obstruction, hindrance or a hazard to the footpath's public users, who retain the right to safe and convenient use of the Public Right of Way at all times.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Miles
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