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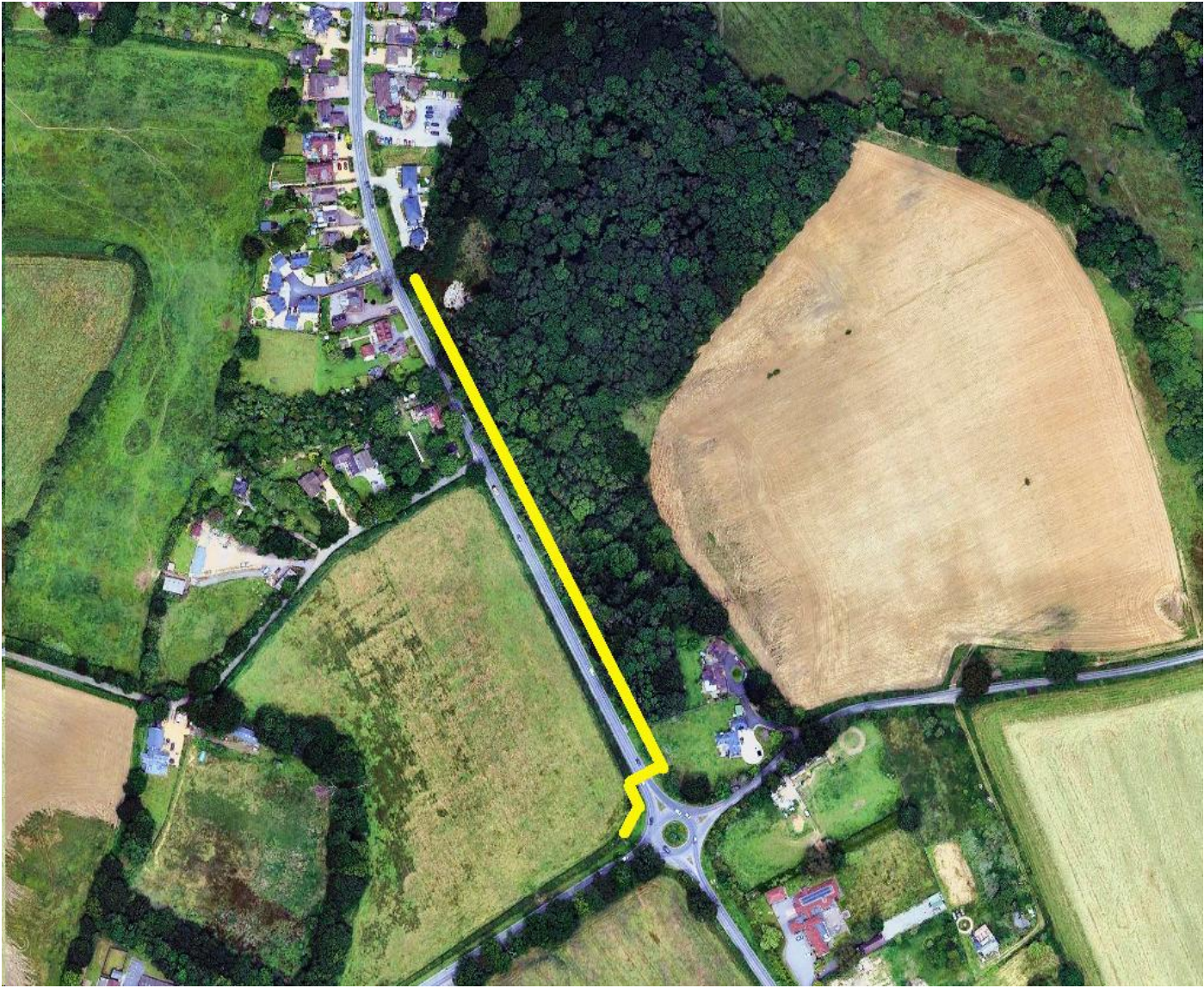
15 July 2025

Dear Mr. Osmond ,

RE – O/25/99534 Outline application for up to 150 dwellings including 40% affordable housing, with vehicle and cycle accesses from Snakemoor Lane, pedestrian/cycle access from Botley Road, sustainable transport hub, public open space and play area, and associated infrastructure and landscaping (all matters reserved except for access).

On behalf of the Ramblers' Association, I hereby lodge an objection to the above planning application. Should your Council be minded to grant consent for this application we are of the view that this would not be acceptable unless there is a requirement for the construction of a surface water ditch along the B3354 Botley Road frontage from just north of Footpath 719 Fair Oak and Horton Heath down to the north east corner of Denham's Roundabout with a link under the road to the drainage ditch on the north west corner as per the line shown in yellow on the extract from Google Earth below.

We understand that there used to be a ditch at this location before the Botley Road was widened on that side. With the absence of any where for surface water to go when the water table rises the woodland strip along the road frontage gets flooded during the winter months. This impacted Footpath 719 to the extent that the County Council had to recently construct a board walk to make it usable in the winter months (see the before and after photos below). The application shows a proposed Cycle Track link to the Botley Road. If that were constructed without this ditch it would have to be above existing ground levels and would form a further obstacle to surface water leaving the location.

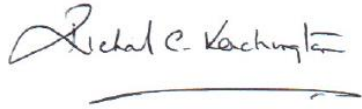






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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard C. Kenchington". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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Footpath Secretary, EASTLEIGH RAMBLERS

To
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