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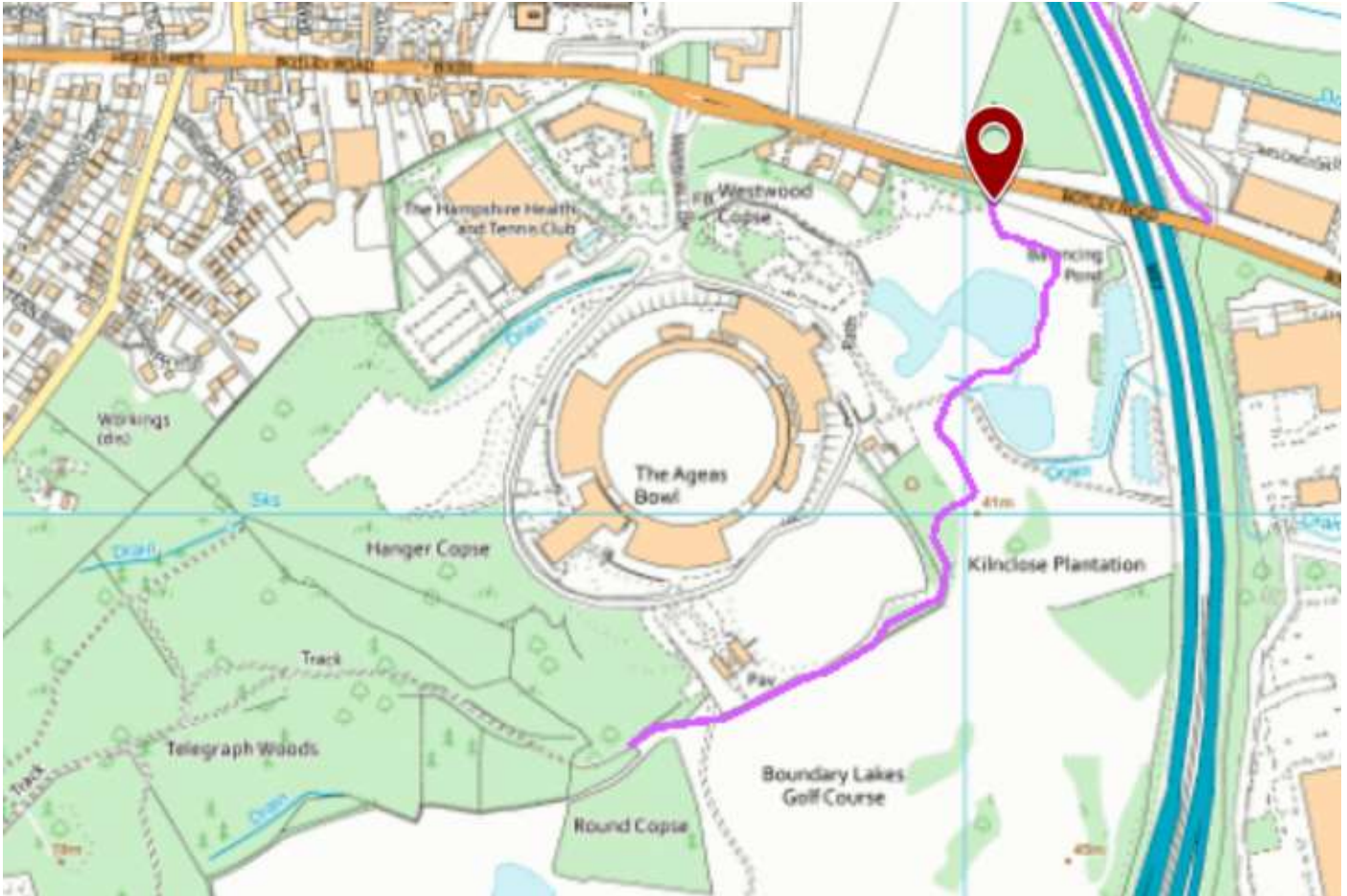
Dear Councillor Garton,

RE FOOTPATH FROM BOTLEY ROAD TO TELEGRAPH ROAD, WEST END

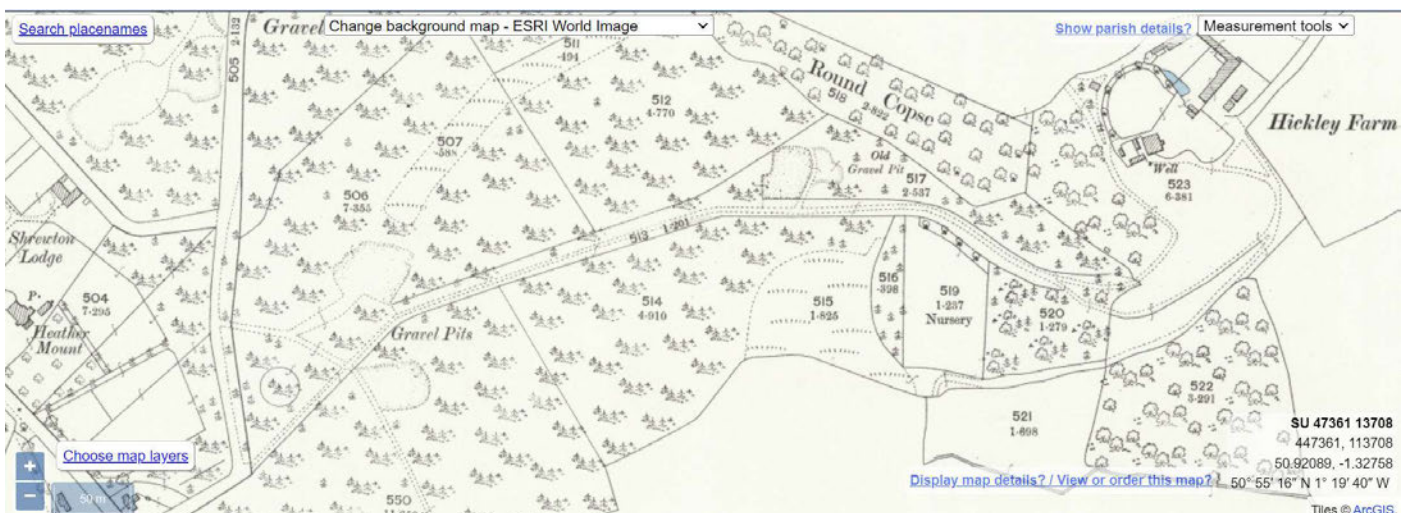
Before the Ageas Bowl was erected there used to be a route via Hinkley Farm between the above two roads which is shown on the plan below which is an extract from the Ordnance Survey One Inch Series of 1955-1961.



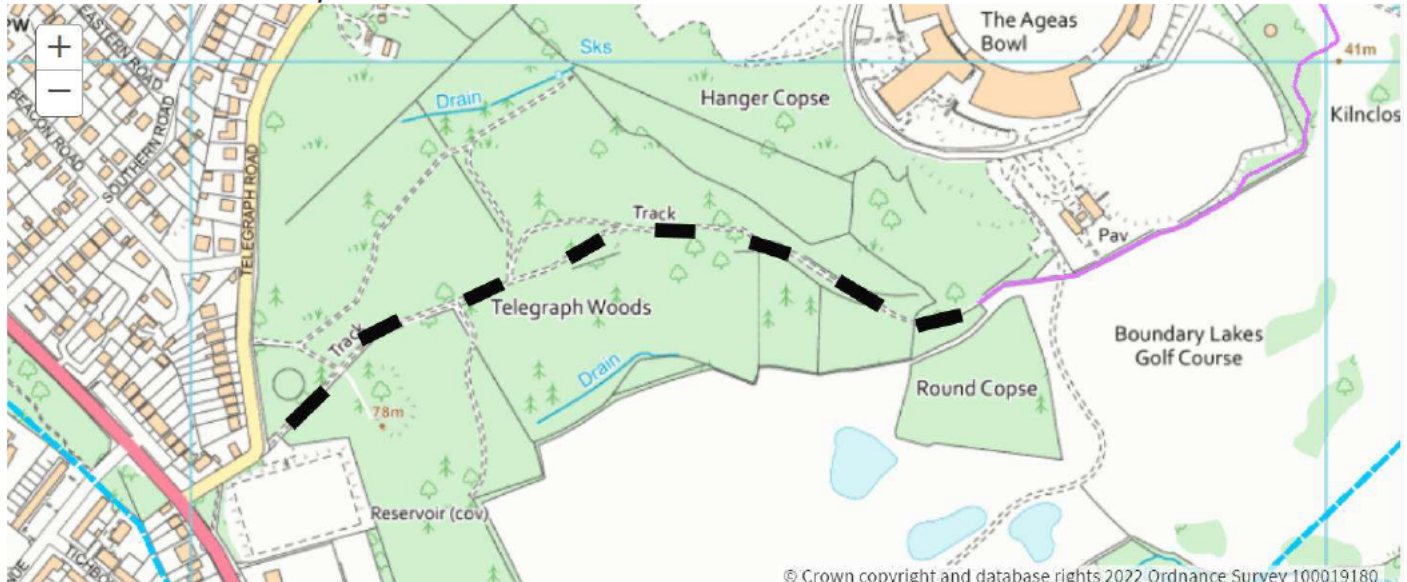
As part of the Section 106 Agreement for the Ageas Bowl it was a requirement that a public footpath be provided to replace the above route. Eventually that was established and is on the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way as Footpath No 509 West End which is shown on the plan below in purple.



The Eastleigh Ramblers by this letter are requesting Eastleigh Borough Council to agree to the rest of the route through Telegraph Woods being added to the Definitive Map. Below is an OS 25-inch 1892-1914 extract showing the requested route as it was over a century ago. It is still on that route.



Below is a Definitive Map extract which shows the route which we wish to see added in black dashes.



This route is important as it is the only off-road route that connects Hedge End with Southampton because of the way that the M27 was built.

We request Eastleigh Borough Council either (a) to confirm that they would have no objection to Hampshire County Council making a Definitive Map Modification Order that would add it to the Definitive Map or (b) agree that they would be willing to enter into a Deed with Hampshire County Council dedicating it as a public footpath which would enable the County Council to add the route to the Definitive Map.

We realise that Eastleigh Borough Council only have a long leasehold interest in Telegraph Woods and that The Provost and Scholars of the Queen's College in the University of Oxford as the freeholders would have to consent to your preferred arrangement as well.

Yours sincerely



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