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Dear Sir/Madam

Application No: CS/25/99721
Description: HCC Consultation request. West End Footpath Dedication (Telegraph Woods)
Please see my consultation and plan attached for your comments. Please note that the Eastleigh Ramblers did liaise with EBC in December 2023 who confirmed that they had no objection to the creation of this route. See the email correspondence attached.
Site: WEST END FOOTPATH
JUNCTION WITH WEST END FOOTPATH 509,
PROCEEDING A WESTWARD DIRECTION THROUGH
TELEGRAPH WOODS TO A JUNCTION WITH TELEGRAPH
ROAD, POINT B

Thank you for consulting Eastleigh Borough Council on the above matter. The proposed route lies within Telegraph Woods, which is managed by Eastleigh Borough Council under a long lease. Internal consultation has been carried out with relevant specialist officers, and the following comments are provided for your consideration:

Tree Consultant

Our Tree Consultant has advised that no response is required in this instance. No objection is raised on arboricultural grounds.

Ecology

Our Ecologist has reviewed the location of the proposed route, which follows an existing track already mapped on Ordnance Survey and Council GIS systems and

currently in public use. The route does not present any ecological concerns, and no objection is raised on ecological grounds.

Legal Services

The Council's Legal team has confirmed that they have no comments or objections to the proposed footpath dedication.

The proposal was previously reviewed in 2023, at which time formal consent was provided by Eastleigh Borough Council in its capacity as leaseholder, and separately by the freeholder, The Queen's College, Oxford. It was confirmed that the dedication would not impose any additional obligations on the Council beyond those already set out in the existing lease, and that future maintenance of the route would fall to the relevant highway authority.

Asset Management

The Asset Management team has advised that no response is required for this application.

Local Area Manager

There is no objection in principle to the formal adoption of a route through Telegraph Woods as a Public Right of Way. However, the Council is preparing to undertake substantial woodland management and forestry works over the coming years, including felling and timber extraction. These operations will require periodic closures of the central forestry track, which aligns with the proposed PROW route. Under current arrangements, any formal designation of this route would likely incur a closure fee of approximately £1,000 per instance to Hampshire County Council.

To avoid operational and financial burdens, it is suggested that either:

- Dedication be delayed until after the most disruptive forestry works have been completed; or
- The proposed PROW be realigned to follow the track along the southern boundary of the site, which would reduce conflict with site management operations while still maintaining a valuable off-road connection.

Planning Officer Summary

The proposed footpath dedication is supported in principle, and all necessary consents from the leaseholder and freeholder are in place. However, it is

recommended that the timing and alignment of the dedication be carefully considered to avoid unnecessary conflict with future forestry works and associated costs.

Eastleigh Borough Council therefore raises no objection to the proposal, subject to the above considerations being addressed.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N Parker", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Nicholas Parker
Planning Manager