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Dear Mr Smith

Outline application for the erection of up to 150 dwellings, with associated works, parking, landscaping, publicly accessible open space, land for education or community use, with access from Green Road and Eastern Road. Land South Of Green Road Wivelsfield Green East Sussex

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The proposed development will affect Public Footpath Westmeston 1 (WSM/1/1) and Public Bridleway Wivesfield 30 (WIV/30/1) as marked on the attached copy of the illustrated development layout plan. According to the layout plan no diversion of either path is proposed.

I have had difficulty viewing the application documents on the planning portal and have been unable to find details proposing the improvement of either path. Both will serve as important connections to the surrounding public path network and will be subject to significantly increased use. I would therefore request that the improvement of both paths within the applicant's ownership is conditioned as follows.

- Public Footpath Westmeston 1 should be improved between the proposed access road and West Wood (minimum rural path construction e.g. suitably compacted stone).
- Public Footpath Westmeston 1 to the north of the access road should be improved to adoptable footway standard.
- The replacement of the existing timber footbridge on Public Footpath Westmeston 1 on the northern boundary of the application site should be secured by an appropriate agreement to accommodate the increased level of use.

- Public Bridleway Wivelsfield 30 should be improved from its junction with the proposed access road northwards for approximately 100 metres and for approximately 375 metres south to its junction with Hundred Acre Lane (suitably compacted stone surface with drainage as required).
- Details of the signage and proposed surface improvements for Public Footpath Westmeston 1 and Public Bridleway Wivelsfield 30 are to be approved prior to the commencement of any development.
- The future maintenance of the surfaces of Public Footpath Westmeston 1 and Public Bridleway Wivelsfield 30 are to be included within any management agreement covering the maintenance of the wider site and greenspace.
- Crossings of the proposed access road for Public Footpath Westmeston 1 and Public Bridleway Wivelsfield 30 are to be approved prior to the commencement of development and subject to an appropriate safety audit.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Harper

Principal Rights of Way Officer

