

Dijksman Planning

35 Berkeley Road, Newbury, RG14 5JE

Representations to Committee

Land off School Road West Hanney Wantage, OX12 0LA

Variation of Condition 3 – to swap the provision of a pedestrian crossing for a New Footpath & Footpath Improvements

Dear Councillor,

Since June 2018 I have worked with the Highways Authority and Parish Council to agree a footpath improvement scheme which satisfies both parties, but this has proved impossible.

The scheme proposed does have the support of your Planning Officers. We say that the proposal offers clear benefits in highway safety terms.

The original permission for the site included an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and the upgrading of the existing public footpath. The pedestrian crossing cannot be physically provided.

- The new scheme therefore provides a footpath cycleway direct from the site to the school, which will avoid the need for children & parents to cross the road at all. Instead of crossing it no less than eight times per school day during the busiest times.

This new route, that was not part of the original approval, is not contentious and is supported by both the Parish and Highways Authority.

- The problem has been resolving the disagreements as to the **details of the approach taken to upgrading the existing public footpath.**

The applicant has agreed to do whatever is required; including upgrading the entire width, or just the width that is currently hardstanding. He is happy to provide an additional length of footway in either direction along the road, or not. In other words, he has volunteered to do whatever works are requested.

Now, after 2 years, the detailed scheme is supported by your officers and it is earnestly hoped that the planning authority will grant permission and enable these new homes to be delivered.

Kind regards,



Ken Dijksman