

Hi Joseph

Thanks you for your response

I find it perverse that the footpath to the south of Eastbridge Avenue will not be included in the upgrade as this is used by many residents from the existing Brookleigh site and although it has some hardcore it can be blocked by heavy rain and is still a muddy track hemmed in by undergrowth. This does not take account of its current use as the shortest pedestrian route to local services by residents of Eastbridge Avenue.

It goes against the principles of the green circle in that residents will have to use Eastbridge Avenue to circumvent this or to be able to cycle down the length of Freeks Lane and ignores the significant utility of the existing track for existing residents of Eastbridge Avenue. Without this upgrade I would call in question existing travel plans for residents of the Eastbridge Avenue area to be able to safely access Sheddingdean Primary School and the neighbour centre by foot or cycle as it provides the shortest pedestrian route (at least until the Fairbridge Way footpath is reopened).

The existing residents of Freeks Lane raise some valid concerns but this would apply to all of the footpath as the same users frequent the entire footpath and are causing significant problems in the Eastbridge Avenue area backing on to Freeks Lane and I would assess these concerns to be much greater for the north of the footpath where they will be even less overlooked. There is a history of BMX and motorbike use in the area of the Bedelands towards the River Arun at the bottom end of Freeks Lane and I can see the upgraded footpath opening up this area to greater use by off road vehicles unless proper safeguards are introduced.

Please could you add these comments as my response to the application.

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