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For and on behalf of the Mid Sussex Area Bridleways Group

We object to this planning application on the grounds that the proposal has not adhered to the recommendations of the District Plan.

The new proposed off road cycle route and footpaths omit horse riders and are not multi functional routes for NMU (Non-Motorised Users) and therefore are not inclusive.

Horse riding and driving have considerable health benefits and equestrians should not be prevented from enjoying open air exercise and recreation by the failure to provide such safe routes where possible.

Off road routes reduce the number of vulnerable road users (including equestrians) on the roads, increasing safety for everyone and reducing delays for motorists.

There are many horse related establishments located near to this proposed rural development, who would benefit immensely by inclusion, especially as the proposed cycle route joins up with an established bridleway within the boundary of the proposed park at the southern end and other adjacent bridleways to the north and to the west.

We also, object to the proposed toucan crossing, and suggest that this should be changed to a Pegasus crossing, if indeed it is to link up with the proposed rural Garden Community housing development to the east of the A272 which, as already suggested, should also provide routes suitable for horses.

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