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Our Ref: C1777/PF/1668/HC

22nd July 2019

Dear Sirs,

Re: SS/ROW/1180. Application to record footpaths at Top Field, Springvale, Kings Worthy

We acknowledge receipt of the above referenced letter in connection with claimed rights of way.

As you are aware, several meetings have now been held with yourself and colleagues in connection with parts of these claimed routes; the result of which is the submission of the following planning applications:

- 19/00909/PTH,
- 19/00910/PTH,
- 19/00911/PTH,
- 19/00912/PTH, and
- 19/00913/PTH.

The above planning applications seek to:

- divert a Definitive Route (footpath ROW/3189777) to avoid the destruction of important ecological habitat and to position the route on the current walked route,
- to divert claimed routes for the same reasons and to facilitate development of the site, and
- to provide Definitive Routes where routes have been claimed.

All the above planning applications were made valid by Winchester City Council on 29th April 2019.

Hampshire County Council has been a consultee for each application, the details of which can be seen at appendix 1.

All these planning applications are due for determination imminently. Our most recent correspondence with the LPA in connection with these applications is enclosed at appendix 2.

Planning application 19/00048/FUL also shows these paths in the context of the recently permitted scheme.

Drew Smith's land ownership can be seen from the plan at appendix 3. We are unable to comment on those paths which extend beyond our ownership e.g. path A-B and elements of H-J. Has the appropriate notice been served on the other owners of land?

With regard to the use of paths, we do not wish to provide any evidence at this stage, other than to assert that the path from G-H appears to be incorrect due to the steep slope near to point H.

In conclusion, as per advice received from HCC and WCC throughout the process, Drew Smith trust that the above applications will determine all claimed rights of way on the land, as well as take priority over any incoming claims through the determination period. The applications seek to acknowledge these claimed rights of way and to divert them as necessary. This is not only for the benefit of development, but more importantly, the preservation of established natural habitat, and to secure dedicated future use.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil Farminer', written over a horizontal line.

Phil Farminer
Planning & Pre-Contract Director