

Dear Councillor

### **Development Control North, 20<sup>th</sup> January, Football Club and Holbrook Club**

Whether you are a passionate supporter of, or objector to the new Football Club and the Holbrook Club housing applications, please make sure that, if they are passed, the detailed design is right for people who want and need to cycle and walk.

#### **Please support these simple changes:**

##### **Holbrook Club, DC/14/1091**

Add conditions to any planning consent to require the applicant to:

- **Put back the northern pedestrian/cycle link to Jackdaw Lane.** The designer's reports confirm that this is perfectly straightforward. Make sure it meets the width requirements of LTN1/12 and that cyclists can join the carriageway on Jackdaw Lane and are not simply dumped on the pavement.
- **Open up links to local streets:** Drake Close, Kestrel Close and, even, directly to the Holbrook Club itself so that people walking and cycling do not need to go literally 'all round the houses' just to get to the primary school, the church, pub, shops, playgroup or even to meet neighbours. There is space to do it –it was part of the original design! Good permeability makes good neighbourhoods as described in Manual for Streets. Not everyone can drive and, even so, more cars clogging up the town are unpleasant and unhealthy. More walking and cycling improves social safety too.
- At the very least, protect the access needed for these links so they can be opened up at a later date.

##### **Football Club DC/14/1090**

Add conditions to any planning consent to require the applicant to:

- **Provide a safe walking and cycling route from Southwater to the site that avoids the incredibly dangerous A24 Hop Oast crossing.** This means proper surfacing on the 'Green Lane' public right of way (BOAT1668) and a cycleway from there to the club. This can easily be done by upgrading the existing footpath (FP1666) through the golf club (the landowner is amenable) and/or upgrading the existing footway alongside the road for shared use.
- **Improve the safety of the site junction at Worthing Rd for cyclists.** This is a busy, fast road with turning movements by large vehicles. Make use of the existing traffic lights and wide road at this point to modify the site exits to provide safe turns and crossings for cyclists entering/leaving Worthing Rd.

The Horsham District Cycling Forum has submitted detailed proposals (attached) to allow these developments to meet NPPF, Core Strategy and HDPF requirements for sustainable transport (cycling). As things stand, the simple changes above are **not** part of the schemes and the Development Management Reports do not justify their exclusion. This project involves relieving the Club of their affordable housing obligation and giving it £1.6million for its tax liability –if that is affordable, so is our obligation to give people safe and convenient walking and cycling routes for their daily lives.

Please contact us with your questions and for help with any further information you may need.

Yours faithfully

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