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Subject: P21-V0984-RM Land South of Park Road Faringdon (Faringdon footpath 17)

Armid, thanks for asking about this reserved matters application.

Faringdon Footpath 207/17, a public highway, passes through the east of the site, currently as a raised grassed path enclosed by fencing/hedging. The detailed proposal appears to be for the ground to be excavated for the road and housing, altering the level and access slopes of the footpath by almost 2m at the proposed road crossing point.

None of the relevant plans appear to indicate the proposed drainage and surfacing proposals for the footpath, nor any crossing facility to ensure pedestrian priority and safety. Altering a footpath's level is an offence unless authorised by the highway authority under s77 Highways Act 1980 and without information as to surface and drainage etc, this authority cannot be given. The reduction in levels may also necessitate a diversion to be undertaken and advice should be sought about this from the LPA. The route will require a TTRO, including suitable agreed diversion route whilst any excavation works are undertaken.

SW108-EN-2170C Hard Surfacing Plan does not include the footpath
SW108-EN-2336. Misc Engineer sections through PRow – does not show and crossing facility
SW108-LS-014a (Site Landscaping+Phase 2) - there's no indication of surface of the footpath

Given the footpath's strategic location as a link to the A417 and the A420 for residents of the development as well as people using it to access the countryside, it is important that this route is usable all year round and that it passes through a landscaped corridor that provides high levels of amenity and feelings of safety. It is therefore expected that the route is provided as a blacktop route to adoptable standard, possibly with lighting, along with the appropriate commuted sum for ongoing maintenance. Works should be included under the s38 or s278 agreement.

Kind regards, Paul

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