

**Planning Application Consultation 19/000053/CM**  
**Land at Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley Road, Broadwaters, Kidderminster,**  
**Worcestershire**

**06/09/2021**

Thank you for consulting us regarding the above proposals. Wolverley and Cookley parish bridleways WC-626, WC-625 and footpaths WC-622-624 are affected or directly adjacent to the development.

We note that the proposed development includes upgrades to footpaths and creations of new bridleways which will require legal changes to the definitive map. An application should be made to the Public Rights of Way team to start this process.

The following obligations with regards to the public right of way will also need to be adhered to:

- No disturbance of, or change to, the surface of the path or part thereof should be carried out without our written consent.
- No diminution in the width of the right of way available for use by the public.
- Buildings materials must not be stored on the right of way.
- Vehicle movements and parking to be arranged so as not to unreasonably interfere with the public's use of the right of way.
- No additional barriers are placed across the right of way. No stile, gate, fence or other structure should be created on, or across, a public right of way without written consent of the Highway Authority.
- The safety of the public using the right of way is to be ensured at all times.

The applicant should note the National Planning Policy Framework published in July 2018 by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, particularly paragraph 98, to ensure that planning policies protect and enhance public rights of way and access.

The developer should also be aware of the Department of Environment Circular 1/09 (part 7) which explains that the effect of development on a public right of way is a material consideration in the determination of applications for planning permission and that the grant of planning consent does not entitle developers to obstruct a public right of way.

Please ensure that these matters are drawn to the attention of the applicant.

Yours sincerely

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