Annual Statutory meeting of Full Council

Tuesday 8th May 2018

Agenda item 20.0

TO CONSIDER THE LATEST PROPOSALS REGARDING THE FOOTWAY(S) LINKING RIDGEWOOD FARM DEVELOPMENT AND UCKFIELD TOWN

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Members will be aware that discussions have previously taken place regarding the footway linkages between the new Ridgewood Farm development and Victoria Pleasure Ground. This was last discussed in 2014/15.
- 1.2 The original proposal put forward, set out to improve the existing right of way through Boothland Wood, follow around New Barn before joining up with the lower path at the bottom of Victoria Pleasure Ground. This suggested that all new improvements made, would be on Uckfield Town Council land.
- 1.3 At the meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee on 30th March 2015, members resolved to continue discussions with Welbeck Strategic Land and wished to only consider entry points at D and E of the following (see below):



9.2. Proposed footpath enhancements

Members considered a previously circulated report, together with the response from Wellbeck Strategic Land regarding the proposed footpath enhancements at Victoria, New Barn and Boothland Wood.

EL083.03.15 Following further discussion it was RESOLVED to continue further discussions with Wellbeck Strategic land to use the corner section of the pleasure ground at points D to E only.

Cllr. Smith wished to be recorded as voting against the decision.

- 1.4 Welbeck have acknowledged that discussions are not yet complete on the footways and would like to re-commence discussions.
- 1.5 As part of the Town Council's Annual Plan for 2018/19, members were keen to explore how footway and cycleways could be improved in the town, providing better linkages particularly between the south of the town and town centre, as well encourage greater use of our open spaces and footways.

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We will map the town's open spaces and footways, and introduce a number of initiatives to increase the use of these spaces and encourage greater physical activity.

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IMPROVING FOOTWAY LINKS

We will work with partner agencies/landowners to explore how footway links could be improved throughout the town.

- 1.6 A copy of the current proposals from Welbeck are attached at appendix A and B.
- 1.7 On receiving correspondence from Welbeck, the Town Clerk has made further enquiries in regards to two matters:
 - (i) Understanding what access/linkages are being made from the SANGS (Owlsbury Park) to the new development;
 - (ii) Where correspondence has previously referred to footways/cycleways. The Clerk has asked what provision is the developer Taylor Wimpey going to make on the development itself to pavements/footways, for joint or singular foot and cycle provision?

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
 - (i) note the contents of the above report and accompanying appendices, and;
 - (ii) advise what the Town Council's current views are on the proposals being put forward.

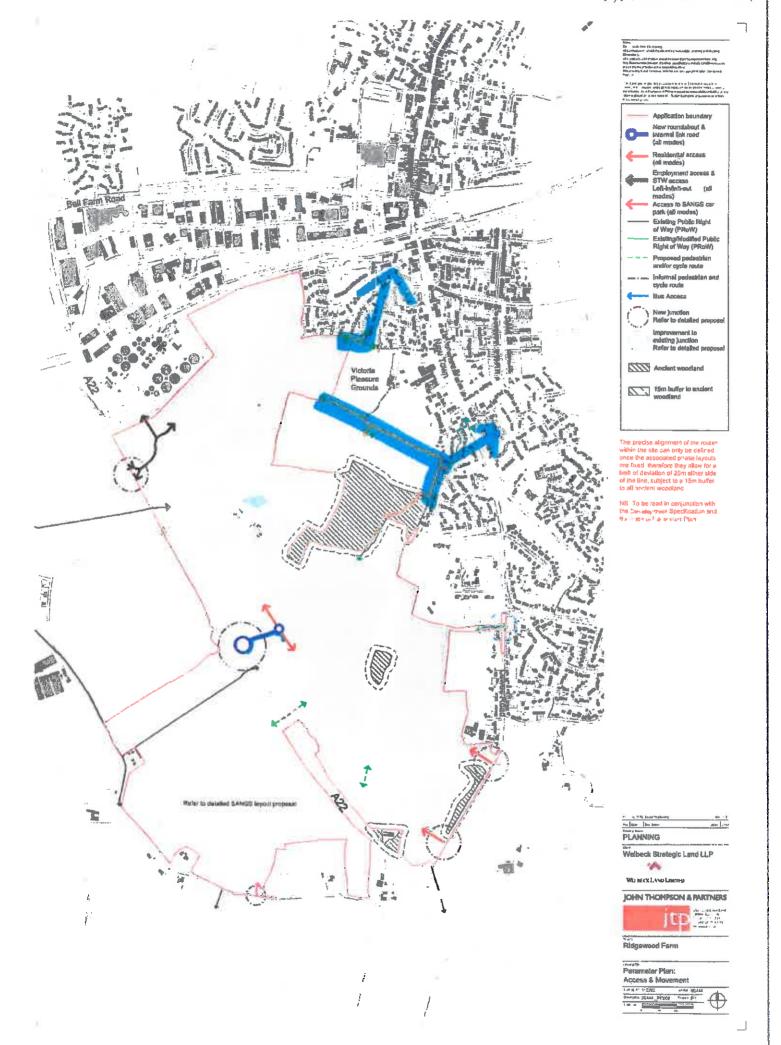
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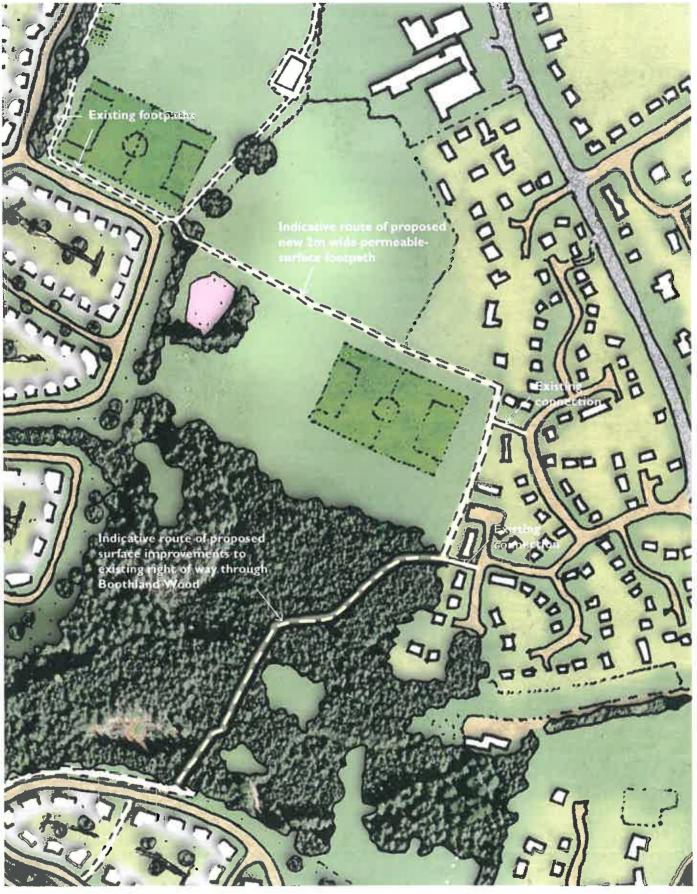
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Appendices:

Appendix A (Full site map)

Appendix B (Sketch Footpath proposals)





Ridgewood Farm Sketch Footpath Proposals Welbeck Strategic Land LLP



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Existing (unsurfaced) path through Boothland Wood (January 2014)



Existing path through Victoria Pleasure Grounds (May 2011)

Ridgewood Farm Sketch Footpath Proposals Welbeck Strategic Land LLP







Indicative example of hoggin-type path through woodland (CEDEC)



Indicative example of permeable-surface footpath through Victoria Pleasure Grounds

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