

## WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

<b>TO:</b>	West Sussex County Council FAO:James Neave
<b>FROM:</b>	WSCC - Public Rights of way
<b>DATE:</b>	3 March 2020
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Evergreen Farm West Hoathly Road East Grinstead RH19 4NE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	WSCC/004/20 Restoration of the former Standen Landfill site with a woodland and pasture landfill cap system.
<b>DATE OF SITE VISIT:</b>	n/a
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	More Information
<b>S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:</b>	n/a / £ See below for breakdown.

WSCC Public Rights of Way service are requesting more information on how the increased hazard to walkers using public footpath 29EG is to be mitigated. Footpath 29EG shares the access road to Standen. I have copied my initial response submitted on 30/8/2019 as I do not think that these points have been addressed.

### ***Amendment 30/8/19 - changed to More information needed***

*It has been brought to my attention that the proposal includes vehicles entering and exiting from the southern end of the site and therefore will be sharing a short section of public footpath 29EG with walkers utilising this route.*

*WSCC Highways have already requested that this southern exit is only used by vehicles leaving the site which will reduce some conflict between vehicles and they have already requested a Road Safety Assessment be provided. This should also include details on how pedestrians using 29EG and the High Weald Landscape Trail will be accommodated and protected as they have the right of way over any vehicles using this public footpath.*

*There are also safety concerns over anyone crossing the West Hoathly Road to join bridleway 28bEG following the High Weald Landscape trail due to potential increases in traffic.*

*I would be grateful if the applicant could sent details on how this increased risk to walkers safety will be mitigated in their plans.*

The latest Road Safety Audit does not list any problems under the 'Non-motorised user provision' and does not make any mention of the existence of public footpath 29EG. I therefore feel that my point above has not been considered.

There is mention of the junction with bridleway 28bEG but only in terms of bridleway users being warned about the potential for turning vehicles. As users of the right of way have priority over these vehicles it seems that the onus should be on the drivers

of the vehicles. Signage should be provided and information should be built into the site information given to drivers on each visit with regards to both fottpath and bridleway users and it should be made clear that these users have priority over any of the vehicles.

regards

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**West Sussex County Council – Public Rights of Way Services**