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Subject: PROW Comments on A29 realignment
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS
2017
APPLICATION MADE UNDER REGULATION 3 (EIA)

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Application Number WSCC/052/20

Location Land to the north of Eastergate and north-west of Barnham, PO22 0DF

Dear Andrew,

Further to the recent request for comments on the above named application please see the PROW comments below.

Public footpath 318 falls into the red line boundary of the proposed A29 realignment. The drawings show the road crossing the footpath and we are comfortable with an uncontrolled crossing with the pedestrian refuge in the middle of the carriageway to facilitate safer crossing. At each point where the pedestrians cross we would request "look right" surface markings. Further to this we would require a timber staggered barrier with a useable gap of at least 1.2m on the southern side of the new road south of where the footpath meet the proposed footway on the southern side of the new road to reduce the ability of people walking straight out onto the shared cycle/footway and onto the carriageway.

As for the northern side of the road we would require the change of path alignment to be fenced in so pedestrians heading north to south are clearly directed along this proposed new alignment of the footpath. This would prevent people walking straight across the road and not utilising the pedestrian refuge. The fencing alongside the carriageway, both sides of the pedestrian route, could be timber post and rail (an example of which is shown below) and should go round the full extent of the path and also the waiting area for pedestrians so they cannot continue east where there is no footway and wouldn't be safe.



On the subject of the realignment of the footpath to accommodate the road I have spoken to a colleague in legal and it has been confirmed that there would need to be a diversion (under S.257 of the TCPA I believe) to reflect this new alignment. I appreciate it is all within the highway boundary but the legal line would not be available due to the fencing referred to above and we

wouldn't want to be encouraging people to cross in a straight line across this road so this is something to consider as part of any planning application being submitted.

Further to this, as part of the road works it would be very beneficial to see some improvements to the existing footpath surface, particularly going north, to create a better pedestrian route toward Walberton. This can be discussed in more detail at a later stage but a rolled stone surface to stabilise it and make it more of an all year round route would be very beneficial to all lawful users.

Hopefully this is all clear but if you have any further questions do drop me a line.

Regards,

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