

Comment for planning application WSCC/011/21

Application number	WSCC/011/21
Name	Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal
Address	THE THICKETTS, 2, THE THICKETTS, BOGNOR REGIS, PO21 3HD
Type of Comment	Objection
Comments	<p>Summarising our representations lodged in November 2020 on the previous application, WSCC/036/20, the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal remain keen to see this huge development, if it proceeds, enable a transformed "Greenway" route to celebrate heritage context following the line of the Canal as close as possible from Ford through to Yapton to encourage walkers, cyclists and horse riders to participate in active life in the local communities. For more details, see Yapton Parish Magazine, internet link at YAPTC01_MARCH21_Issue 106 for web.pdf We continue to object to this development on the grounds of potential loss of heritage assets throughout and around the site, as set out by many other representations, including from the County Archaeology Adviser. Apart from the line of the Canal and its public policy protections, we note the importance of the buried brick arch bridge on the site, and would point out the erroneous mention (10.47) of Merston Canal Bridge which is in Merston, Parish of Oving, rather than in Ford or Yapton. We note the applicants' inclusion (10.109 & 13.97) of a pond to the west of the site, and blue block paving to the east, to signify the Canal heritage, along with interpretation boards and educational features. If an overall development of this scale proceeds, then a linear wildlife pond of dimensions akin to the old Canal at 10m width x say 20-30m in length would be a welcome feature unlike the 0.01 hectare proposed. As to routing of a public right of way as close to the old canal line as possible, constructive discussions with "The Landings" developers (F/4/20/OUT) could enable a PROW around from the east of the site (current Footpath 200/3) and through the "spoon" or "mushroom" shaped extension that used to be the old RAF refuelling station, to the south and west to join up with "The Landings" proposals which currently explicitly follow the line of the Canal. Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal</p>
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