ASHFOLD GRANGE, HORSHAM ROAD, HANDCROSS
PROPOSED SECONDARY ACCESS – KEY NOTES

1) The proposed new access is intended to serve access requirements for land/farm management to the large area of grazing land to the rear of Ashfold Grange. Traffic movements via the proposed access will be confined to agricultural needs and therefore minimal. The existing shared access will serve all other needs.

2) The paddock which is adjacent to Ashfold Grange was acquired by the previous owner of Ashfold Grange with no adequate provision for access.

3) The existing woodland track best serves the needs of the land via gate (B). This new access can easily be linked to this with minor disruption to trees (most of which are insignificant and self-seeded small birch).

4) Existing gate access (A) is remote from the requirements of the main service needs of the land, livestock, out buildings and feed management, all of which gate B best serves. It requires movement over shared accesses, which is not ideal for the trafficking of tractors, mowers, etc. The immediate access is over a steeply inclined tightly curved path and steep banked lawn area which becomes impassable in wet/winter conditions. This makes it difficult for even basic maintenance tasks and for the vet with their equipment.

5) The proposed access has as good as or better visibility as the adjacent existing accesses in Horsham Road. The recessed access gates allow vehicles to exit the main highway safely before affording access to the site. The proposed access is on much more even ground and will allow all year around access.

(See photos and Dwg 01S.)