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Attachments: Letter from Laurence Gould to H A Edwards & Son re Planning Application DC192464.pdf

For the Attention of Mr Matthew Porter

Dear Mr Porter

Please find attached a letter of support from [REDACTED] Laurence Gould, a rural business consultancy firm, in relation to the above planning application.

We wish to submit this in addition to our other responses and request that this letter be added to the online data room. Many thanks in advance, and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

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5th February 2020

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Many thanks for the copies of your recent letters and maps (to Matthew Porter on 29th January 2020 and to Michael Elkington on 29th January 2020) of the proposed housing development at Southwater, reference DC/19/2464.

I note in particular your comments regarding the proposed new footpath and the conversion of public footpath no 1652 into a bridleway.

Proposed new footpath access to Shaw's Lane by Chase Farm/Chase Lodge

I agree that the proposed new footpath access poses health and safety risks. The footpath would access Shaws Lane directly opposite the main access to Chase Farm. This access is used by large, heavy farm machinery which would present a direct risk to pedestrians. I agree that the current proposed access point into Shaws Lane is therefore unsuitable due to the health and safety risks.

I agree that this proposed footpath should be removed. There is already a public right of way access onto Shaws Lane from the development very close to this proposed new footpath.

The plans include a proposal for a playground to be constructed next to this footpath which would increase the risk of children wandering onto Shaws Lane and even onto Chase Farm via this proposed footpath. This would clearly be a major health and safety risk.

The creation of this footpath would also require the removal of a substantial amount of hedgerow.

Proposed Conversion of Public footpath no 1652 to Shaw's Lane into a bridleway

I agree that this would increase health and safety risks as the access onto Shaws Lane is directly opposite the entrance to The Chase which is used by farm machinery, cars, vans and garden machinery. As indicated above, Shaws Lane is used by large and heavy farm machinery as well as vehicles and machinery associated with other properties on Shaws Lane.

The proposed access is on a blind S bend in Shaws Lane. The increase in traffic from cyclists and horses at this point would certainly increase health and safety risks for all road users.

Experience with other bridleways suggests that such public rights of way are also often used by motorbikes, which is again a traffic safety risk. Furthermore, the widening of the access would also involve the removal of some hedgerow, which would damage the environment.

Both proposals also seems to involve third party land outside the ownership boundary of the proposed site.

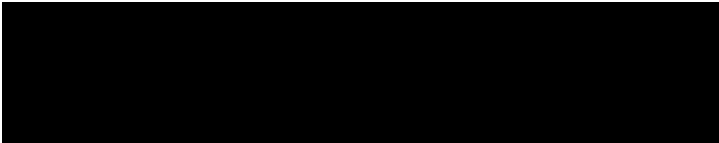
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I also note your comments on the emergency access onto Shaws Lane. If this is to remain then it will be very important that the post and rail fence and gate remain to prevent motorbikes, cyclists and pedestrians using this and creating a healthy and safety risk

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours Sincerely



Associate Director
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