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Dear Ethan

20230136 - Land At, Worcester Close, Istead Rise, Gravesend Kent

Thank you for your mail dated 7-3-2023 with regard to the above application.

Public Rights of Way NU27 lies to the west of the site. The route may be affected by the application, and I therefore enclose a copy of the Public Rights of Way network map showing the definitive line of this path for your information.

I have received a number of complaints from the public regarding this development all stating that they believe that the bridleway should not be walled in along the section of the development. The official width of NU27 is six feet (1.8m) and we cannot ask for wider legally or stipulate that we don't want a wall. However consideration should be given for the equestrian users of the path as it would be almost impossible for 2 horses to cross on the narrower southern end when walled in.

To rectify the above I would support the application if the southern end of the bridleway is widened to 3 metres in width. I feel that a conversation with the British Horse Society would be appreciated about the format of the wall used to border the path.

It is important to advise the applicants that a public right of way must not be stopped up, diverted, obstructed or the surface disturbed and there must be no encroachment on the current width, at any time now or in future. This includes any building materials or waste generated during any of the construction phases. Please note that no furniture or fixtures may be erected on or across Public Rights of Way without the express consent of the Highways Authority

Yours sincerely



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