



**Growth, Environment and
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**Public Rights of Way and Access
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Dear Katherine

**20250643
Erection of a cold store building
New Green Farm Lower Road Shorne Gravesend Kent**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 6th November regarding the above planning application.

Access to the proposed site is via a private track leading from Lower Road, which turns eastward and continues until it intersects with Public Right of Way NS156. The proposed development site is located immediately south of this footpath.

The proposed development will result in increased vehicle movements across Footpath NS156, including large and heavy machinery. This poses a significant safety risk to pedestrians using the path. Clear and permanent signage should be installed to indicate that NS156 is a pedestrian route, ensuring visibility and awareness for all site users and vehicle operators.

Any landscaping or shrub planting near the Public Right of Way must be set back sufficiently to allow for full growth without encroaching on the path. This is essential to maintain accessibility and prevent future obstruction.

I enclose a copy of the Public Rights of Way network maps showing the line of the path for your information.

Please note that the granting of planning permission confers no other permission or consent on the applicant. It is therefore important to advise the applicant that no works can be undertaken on a Public Right of Way without the express consent of the Highways Authority. In cases of doubt the applicant should be advised to contact this office before commencing any works that may affect the Public Right of Way. Should any temporary closures be required to ensure public safety then this office will deal on the basis that:

- The applicant pays for the administration costs.
- The duration of the closure is kept to a minimum.
- Alternative routes will be provided for the duration of the closure.
- A minimum of eight weeks' notice is required to process any applications for temporary closures.

This means that the Public Right of Way must not be stopped up, diverted, obstructed (this includes any building materials or waste generated during any of the construction phases) or the surface disturbed. There must be no encroachment on the current width, at any time now or in future and no furniture or fixtures may be erected on or across Public Rights of Way without consent.

Yours sincerely



Deborah Scott
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