

A plan by the community

# **The Deepings Green Walk**

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https://www.deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk/

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14 February 2018

# Summary of consultation methods

All households in the Deepings (x5500) were notified of the proposal in October 2018. This was done with an A4 colour insert in the local printed Deeping Advertiser.

70 letters (sample in this document) were sent by email to key organisations, Councillors, individuals, and landowners during October 2017

# **Deepings First**

Market Deeping & Deeping St James Neighbourhood Plan



A plan by the community

Please reply to project Lead:

pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk

16 October 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on the Deepings Green Walk - please reply before 30 November.

On behalf of The Deepings community, I am seeking your response to an exciting new project arising from the Neighbourhood Planning process. Our initiative impacts on land development proposals in a way that promotes healthy living in the Deepings. The attached explanation of this project is being sent for information and consultation purposes to Parish, District and other Councils, land owners, interested individuals and specialist organisations.

The Deepings Green Walk focuses on improving the design of new developments by first establishing the locations of delightful green spaces and securing sufficient accessible pathways before final Planning decisions are agreed. It is a long term project and has the potential to have a positive impact on the health and well-being of all residents and visitors to the Deepings as it will have benefits for all ages and levels of mobility.

Please take time to read the attached information and let us have your views in writing as soon as possible but certainly by the end of November 2017. We would like to know:

- 1. Do you support the Deepings Green Walk project?
- 2. How might its development affect you and how are you able to contribute?
- 3. Are there access improvement suggestions or hot-spots we should know about?
- 4. Your name & contact details, including postcode, for follow-up contact

There is already growing local interest in this initiative and in time, our website will provide updates and feedback on progress. As we gather more support, please be aware that your comments and postcode (excluding address and personal information) may be open for public view.

You may know of somebody or an organisation that will have a particular interest – if so please could you pass this information on to them. Thank you for your help.

With kind regards,

Pam Byrd

Dr. Pamela Byrd *for* Deepings First **Project Lead** 

- All queries on the project please to: pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk
- If you have some spare time to help with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan by contributing to this project, please let us know your particular area of interest.

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The Deepings Green Walk



The Deepings Green Walk is the working title for an ambitious new project arising from the Neighbourhood Planning process. It provides a vision for the future of The Deepings and builds on work previously undertaken in this area. The primary purpose of The Deepings Green Walk is to promote healthy living for people of all ages in The Deepings by guiding the beneficial design of land development, establishing delightful green spaces, and securing accessible pathways throughout our neighbourhood. The Green Walk will improve our ability to access local amenities and to travel safely within the Deepings in alternative ways other than car use. By developing The Green Walk, The Deepings environment will be enhanced in a number of ways.



**Rectory Paddock** 

# **About The Deepings Green Walk**

Protecting Green routes The Deepings Green Walk is both practical and recreational. It consists of three inter-related elements:

<u>The Green Girdle</u> is a 'Green Belt' route that forms a complete 9 mile circuit around the joint area of Market Deeping and Deeping St. James.

The Green Grid is the network of footpaths and green spaces within The Deepings. Benchmarking and Wayfinding provides plenty of resting points and information boards. The network of footpaths and green spaces will link our amenities and parks in a way that enables residents and visitors to navigate safely across and within the Deepings on foot, by cycle, with a buggy, by wheelchair, or mobility scooter. All paths on the grid will avoid steps, bare earth and gravel surfaces.

Defining
The
Deepings

'The Deepings' is defined as the joint neighbourhoods of Market Deeping Town and the Parish of Deeping St. James. The Deepings bypass forms a clear boundary to the West and North sides with links to countryside routes beyond. The Deepings area includes Frognall and the Nature Reserve to the East, and borders with Deeping Gate to the south of the River Welland. The village of West Deeping is a destination to visit on a list of extended walks for leisure purposes, along with Langtoft, Deeping St. James, Maxey and Northborough. Green routes to these outlying villages, the Peterborough Green Wheel, and areas of open countryside, will be identified and included as spurs from the Green Girdle to encourage exploration of our local natural environment.

Encouraging
Active
Lifestyles

In the Deepings, we aspire to be a healthy community. Health and well-being is greatly improved for people of all ages through the enjoyment of active lifestyles and access to the natural environment. The Deepings Green Walk will benefit residents and visitors by increasing local opportunities for regular walking and cycling activity in our daily lives. The inclusion of frequent resting places throughout the Deepings Green Walk will ensure journeys are achievable. New public art initiatives around the Deepings will also promote the pleasure of outdoor activity. Having ready access to green spaces and clean air will further support our well-being through sensory experience of natural habitats. It is expected that by championing active lifestyles in The Deepings, a positive culture of activity will develop over time from the earliest age through to those of advancing years.



### **About The Deepings Green Walk**



The Deepings Green Walk will focus on ensuring all local amenities can be accessed safely by all modes of travel. Our neighbourhood has many amenities that we all need to be able to access frequently i.e. shops, the Health Centre, schools, the Library, Community Centre, bus stops, parks, churches, the Post Offices, public houses, clubs, sports and leisure facilities. Access will be supported a) by identifying and improving any existing problem areas for walkers, and b) by ensuring all new housing and highways development gives priority importance to The Green Walk at the earliest stage of the planning process.

Increasing
Knowledge of
our Heritage

The Green Walk will contribute greatly to increasing resident and visitor knowledge of the history and geography of The Deepings in two main ways: i) By encouraging easy movement around and within The Deepings and ii) through the Benchmarking and Wayfinding aspect with information boards and public art at important places. As well as its distinctive geography and unique physical features, The Deepings has a rich history that includes two Grade 1 listed churches, a Georgian coaching Inn, and having a Town Market since the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. There are many historic buildings and features within the area that will be incorporated into The Green Walk. Having access, information and education are key ways that our unique heritage can be appreciated and preserved for future generations.

Guiding Land use and Development This project envisages all new development of land to show consideration of how the design and access arrangements will support The Deepings Green Walk and contribute additional green spaces and pathways. Key areas for discussion are:

- > The main entrance to The Deepings from the North ensuring a wide green vista of trees, hedges and verges on both sides of the main road between the bypass and Towngate West/Towngate East.
- > At the top of Linchfield Road ensuring a wide green vista of trees, hedges and verges on both sides of the road to include an off-road access route down the Linchfield Road
- > Through Mill Field creating a wide, green, attractive and accessible route through this natural green space to link the river path at the South of the Deepings to the new green route at the North of Towngate.



# **About The Deepings Green Walk**

Supporting our local Economy The Deepings supports a mixed economy of mainly small and medium businesses. These are mostly located in our retail and industrial areas, and also in the provision of services. The Deepings Green Walk will support economic growth by promoting The Deepings as a desirable area to live, work, and set up new business. The local economy will potentially benefit in five main ways as The Deepings Green Walk will:

- > Improve access for employees to walk or cycle to local work
- > Encourage use of local shops, services and leisure facilities for residents and visitors
- > Generate an increase in visitor numbers through establishing The Deepings as a tourist venue through activities such as 'Walk the Walk' and 'Go the Extra Mile'
- > Establish Deepings as a desirable place to set up new business and services
- > Attract and retain employees in the area, and increase the local workforce

Promoting Community Integration The Green Walk will help to increase social inclusion by creating stronger links between housing developments within The Deepings. This project helps to ensure that residents of all ages are able to integrate and feel part of the local community through improved opportunities to meet and foster neighbourhood relationships. The population of The Deepings has grown considerably over recent years and is set

The population of The Deepings has grown considerably over recent years and is set to increase further. The need to continually improve access will change in conjunction with that growth. Social activities such as walking and cycling can be included in events and projects organised by the many community organisations that contribute to social life in The Deepings. The provision of pleasant resting places will also help to support communication and conversation with neighbours. Related public art projects will bring people together.

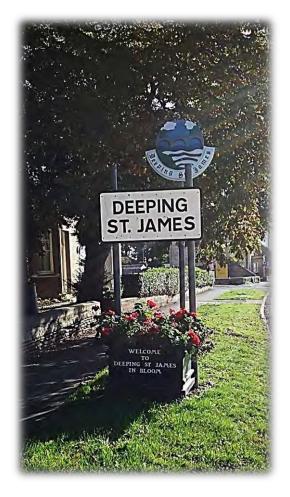
Leadership of the Green Walk Project Initially the outline of The Deepings Green Walk is being developed through the Neighbourhood Planning process. When the Register of Support is collated, a full Action Plan will be drawn up that includes specific activity by all relevant organisations with an interest in progressing this project. This is to be a collaborative project, locally managed for the benefit of the whole community. All helpful responses and contributions are invited. Support and suggestions can be registered at the Deepings Community Centre on Douglas Road of the Town Hall.



# **Establishing The Deepings Green Walk**

To enable the Deepings Green Walk to develop and integrate across the whole of The Deepings, it will be essential to obtain endorsement and long-term commitment from all organisations that have influence over how the land is allocated and conserved. The Deepings Neighbourhood Plan will include policies that establish consideration of The Deepings Green Walk as a planning factor for most new developments. This will mean either on-site provision of a route, or off-site financial contributions. Support is being sought from South Kesteven District Council (SKDC), Market Deeping Town Council, Deeping St. James Parish Councils, Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and its Highways Department, the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and others. Support will be essential from key local land owners and housing developers.





# **Achieving The Deepings Green Walk**

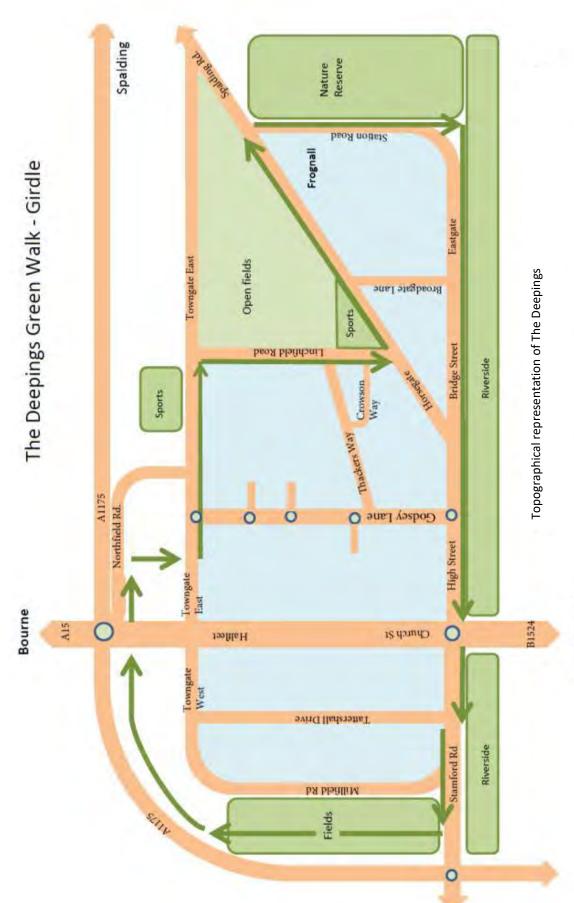
Making progress with The Deepings Green Walk will require coordinated funding through a variety of sources and the detail of this will be specified within the Action Planning process. Largely, the key contribution will come through housing layouts that will provide key sections of the route. Also:

Financial contributions from developers towards community health, well-being, and related public art projects

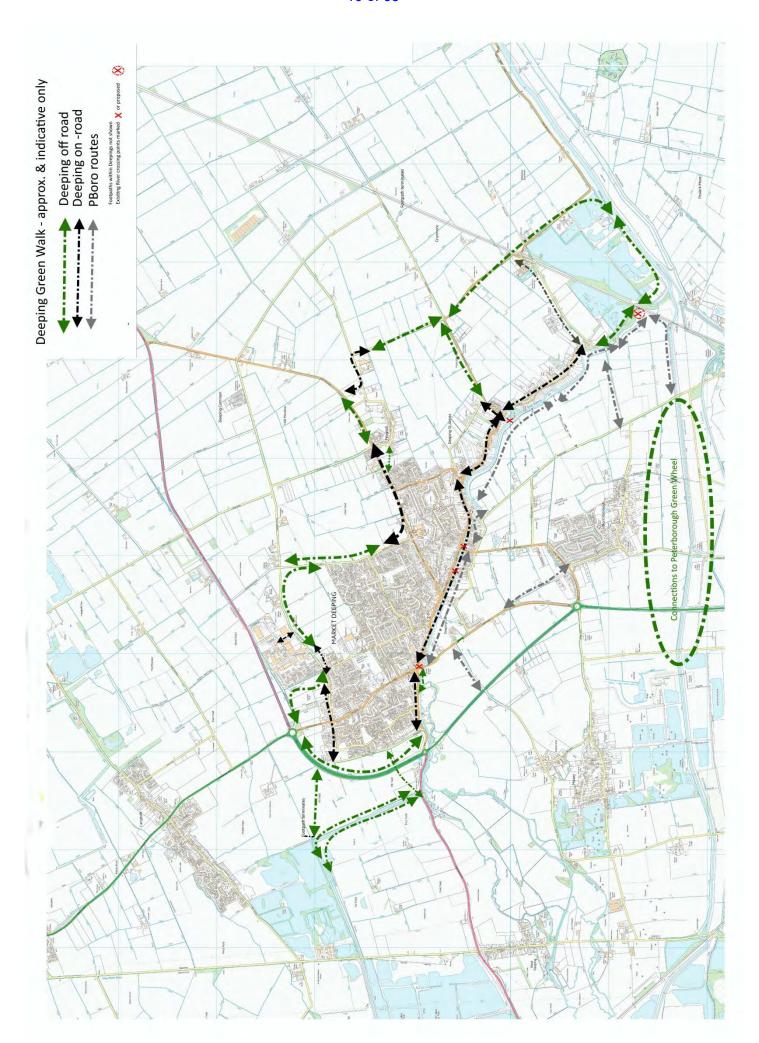
>LCC Local Transport Plan strategies, investment programmes, maintenance contracts, and SKDC planning processes,

>Town and Parish Councils allocation of local funding for neighbourhood improvements

>Local company sponsorship, donations, community fundraising, relevant grant funding, personal contributions and bequests.



Peterborough



# **Summary of replies**

ID where written reply received		Summary of comment made - full text of comments are provided elswhere
1	MP, John Hayes	Supports.Will help promote healthy living along with protecting and securing open spaces and footpaths in the Deepings
	South Kesteven District Council	
2	SKDC Planning Policy	Supports the purpose of promoting healthy living. Do not use the term 'Green Belt'. Include futher employment sites to then north of Deepings (presently excluded). Make contact with landowners. Consult the IDB. Engage with PCC
	SKDC Councillors	
	Judy Stevens	Supportive verbally.
3	Phil Dilks	Supportive written reply
	Stephen Benn	No reply
	Ashley Baxter	Supportive verbally.
	Robert Broughton	No reply
	Matthew Lee	No reply
	Nick Neilson	Supportive verbally.
	Lincolnshire County Council	
	Councillor Rosemary Helen Trollope- Bellew	Acknowledged.
4	Rights of Way & Countryside Access, and Transport Policy, Chris Miller	1. In general terms Lincolnshire County Council is supportive of the principles the project wishes to adopt concerning the provision of accessibility around the project area, linking green infrastructure and seeking improvements to the access network connectivity. The project would contribute to a number of the Statements of Action outlined in the Lincolnshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan. 2. Much of the proposal is on existing public rights of way or other highways for which the Council is the Highway Authority all of which will require review for suitability and sustainability. It is also noted that a number of the routes highlighted are not on the public rights of way network and LCC would need to be involved to ensure that any permanent alterations or additions to the network are processed through the relevant legislation. 3. Millfield – It is understood that this area is currently subject to a Town and Village Green application and that the land is owned by LCC – Clearly LCC has other interests than just access to consider and this Section's support for the wider project cannot indicate LCC's opinion as to the TVG application.
5	Transport Policy Manager, Ian Kitchen	Locasl Transport Plan (LTP) includes walking as a sustainable mode of travel with health benefits. But LTP does not addess itself to detailed projects.

Agencies	
6 Sustrans	Supports in principle
7 Northern Footpath Forum	
	Supports as it extends work already underway. Same comments as Peakirk Parish see below, but adds . 1. The Northern Footpath Forum is a constituted voluntary group of local residents and Parish Councillors from six villages south of the River Welland in the Peterborough Local Authority Area. Aims to help all people from every background by encouraging safe access to the countryside by local communities. The NFF was formed in 2008 to encourage the completion of a non-vehicular public access network, linking local villages safely. NFF is affiliated to the Peterborough Local Access Forum (LAF). The area covered by NFF stretches from Werrington in the south, Deeping St James and Market Deeping in the north, the A15 in the west and the old A1073 in the east. It is split in half north/south by the River Welland and east/west by the Spalding to Peterborough railway, which make crossing those two barriers safely one of our prime objectives. 2. The Northern Footpath Forum is working with Deeping St James Parish Council in promoting a project to install a footbridge across the River Welland. This will provide access for local residents and visitors to an area of considerable historic, ecological and recreational value, to promote healthier lifestyles through walking and, most particularly, to improve safety for people crossing the river who currently often use the new rail bridge (illegally) for this purpose. The Welland Footbridge Project aims to enable better and safer accessibility to local villages on both sides of the county border without using a vehicle. The project has considerable support from local government, residents and a wide range of stakeholders. Planning permission is in place and remaining consent (Flood Defence Consent) is expected to be forthcoming soon, so the project is virtually ready to go. The project has beer carefully costed, including comprehensive site surveys, and total costs are estimated to be about £200,000 (including a 10% contingency). Once funding is in place the project is expected t
8 Peterborough Environment City Trust	1. PECT is always in favour of developments that help enhance local green spaces and which will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of local communities. 2. PECT does not currently have any projects in Deeping, but we are looking to develop a project to encourage more people to use the Green Wheel, part of which links up to the Green Walk. We are also happy to share any information about the project throug our social media channels. We have a long-term Forest for Peterborough project, which aims to plant a tree for every resident in the city. We are looking to expand this beyond the borders of the city so funding dependent, we would be able to contribute to any tree/hedge planting require along the route.
Other District Councils	
9 Peterborough City Council, Transport Team	Support, as it will have a positive impact on walking and cycling. Suggested making connections with Peterboorugh Access Forum and Cycle Forum

Parish Councils	
10 West Deeping Parish Council	1. Stressed importance of continued upkeep of the important A1175 footpath route into the town centre. 2. The Public footpath leading from Molecey Mill to The Lane in West Deeping is used by a number of walkers and walking groups. It crosses land that has recently been designated for gravel extraction (MS29-SL) by LCC. Support continued access along this route; an imaginative and community friendly development would also be appreciated. 3. The above footpath is part of a circular route that returns to Market Deeping from King St just south of West Deeping, via Maxey Mill and thence along the south side of the Welland into MD. This is a walk used by a number of walking groups including our own village one. 4. The footpath from Millfield Rd. crosses Mill Field and the A15 exiting onto the A1175. It is not used so much but links into public rights of way on the east side of Millfield Rd and as such is a useful link for those wishing to walk west from north west MD. 5. Our village Heritage group have done a lot of work on the route of the old Stamford canal or navigation. An interpretation board alongside the A1175 near to Molecey Mill and others in WD & Tallington explain the history and route of a canal that dated from Elizabethan times and was probably the oldest in England Its route continues into MD terminating at the Deeping Gate locks - explore the history of the MD end as part of your initiative
Langtoft Parish Council	No reply
Northborough Parish Council	No reply
11 Peakirk Parish Council	a. Different names can confuse. What is the difference between The Green Belt, The Green Girdle, The Green Grid, The Green Walk and Green Space? We understand that Green Belt, Green Grid and Local Green Space have accepted definitions in planning terms. This area does not have Green Belt. b. Peterborough City Council's Open Space Strategy for the current Local Development is based on the Peterborough Green Grid, which identifies areas of potential Green Infrastructure development. Is this a similar idea? c. Local Green Space is defined by the National Planning Policy Framework Planning Practice guidance. d. Deeping Lakes SSSI [the Nature Reserve need location corrected . This is not the case. e.The Deeping Walk map shows a variety of options towards the east. How does this tie in with the previous diagram? f. The bridge we are aiming to build across the River Welland, upstream from the railway bridge is marked as a possible link to the Peterborough Green Wheel, but it is unclear how this relates to the Green Girdle, if at all. If aiming to use the Deepings Green Walk from the bridge to access Deeping Lakes, how would you do this? Many dog walkers and U3A groups already use the track from Casey's Corner down to the riverbank and this would be a popular route.  g. The map shows several routes that are already designated Public Rights of Way. Distinguish these from 'gaps' where future provision needs to be developed.
Landowners	
12 Bidwells for Rathbone Trust, land east of tesco, west of Linchfield	1. Supportive. The idea has potential to positively impact on health and well being of residents. 2. Their site is a proposed allocation in the 2017 draft Local Plan and the Green Walk will pass through part of theland. 3. They will accommodate reosonable proposals. But exact route must remain indicative. Masterplanning exercise must proceed before exaxt route defined. 4. Present perimeter tree planting coud be included.
Larkfleet. Homes	Discussed by phone. Verbal interest expressed. Meeting due.

13 Armstrong Rigg for London & Economic Properties	1. London & Economic Properties are actively involved in the progression of a planning application for a residential development. 2. The land in question is directly affected by the proposed off-road Green Walk route which currently proposes running along the eastern boundary of the site. 3. While the applicant supports the green walk proposals, the current route will directly impact on the proposed access to the site, which along with access of Burchnall Close is the most appropriate in terms of highway safety for the site. 4. The Green Walk has been proposed on both the eastern side and western side of Linchfield Road and will have a direct impact on the access to the site. The Green Walk would therefore impede the delivery of a housing allocation and would therefore be contrary to Policy DEC1 of the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document (2014). We are of the view that there is no need for the Green Walk to be in place on both sides of Linchfield Road as there are a number of considerable pedestrian benefits being provided within the scheme itself. 5. The proposed scheme will retain Public Rights of Way which enable direct access from the site to the village centre and associated services. As a result of retaining these routes residents will be within walking distance of the majority of key services and public transport facilities in the village. The retention of the two PROW already supports the objectives of the Green Walk as set out in the consultation document and we believe the inclusion of the Green Walk along the eastern boundary of the site will have no further benefits in addition to its provision along the eastern side of Linchfield Road.
Deeping St James United Charites	No reply
14 Lincolnshire County Council, Estates - Site	
at Millfield.	1. LCC supports the broad aims and objectives of the project, namely to promote healthy living for people of all ages by establishing green spaces, and securing accessible pathways throughout The Deepings. Promoting alternative means of transport to the private car is also acknowledged as being a notable benefit. However, LCC cannot support the proposed route as shown on the plan attached to your consultation letter of October 2017 for the reasons detailed below. 2. The Mill Field is located to the west of Millfield Road and forms part of LCC's County Farms Estate portfolio. As landowner, LCC maintains and manages this portfolio in the wider public interest. LCC is currently promoting the site for residential development and South Kesteven District Council has chosen the site as a preferred allocation site within its emerging Local Plan (DEP1-H2: Circa 200 dwellings).3. Work is currently ongoing to develop a masterplan for the site and LCC would welcome your input into this process with a view to incorporating a safe and accessible green route. If you are keen to be involved, then I would look to facilitate these discussions early in the new year. 4. Residential development of the site would provide an opportunity to maximise green routes and public open space on the Mill Field. Identifying and/or designating green walking routes in advance of the master-planning process would fail to achieve the site's full potential. 5. In light of the above, it is premature to 'agree' a green walking route through the Mill Field that could negatively impact upon delivery of the proposed allocation site. 6. A public right of way (PROW) transects the site at a point approximately 370m to the north of the Millfield Lane/B1166 junction. The PROW leads to White House Farm in the west and through residential properties to the east (Tattershall Drive, Meadway). This PROW provides a narrow passage across Mill Field and the general public are not permitted to enter the wider land, which is in agricultural use. Improvements to the exi

	Other agencies, companies and	
	individuals	
15	Alston Country Homes	Supports. Raised issue of pinchpoint near Vergette Court (Towngate West)
16	Feoffe Educational Foundation	Raised queries about impact on farm tenants.
	Resident and Town Councillor Adam Brookes	Promoting key feature in Green Walk east-west across John Eve Field , detailed proposals advanced.
	Resdient and Town Councillor, Colin Gamble	Supports. Very keen to help promote the idea.
19	Resident , Lucy Smith	Supports. Maps needs to be clearer. No clear ref to wheechair access needs. Queries use of language, 'open fields' vs 'fields'. 'natural envionment' when it is not
20	Resident, George Shelton	Disssapointed that no provision is made for horse riders. Makes some positive suggestions

**Copies of replies** 



# HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

D Shelton Esq Chair, Deepings First The Institute 38 Church Street Deeping St James Lincs PE6 8HD

November 2017

Dear Mr Shelton,

Thank you for your recent correspondence which was received at my office on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

I was interested to learn about the Deepings Green Walk project, which I fully support. This initiative will help promote healthy living, along with protecting and securing green spaces and footpaths in the Deepings.

If I can be of any assistance with the project please let me know.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon John Hayes CBE MP South Holland & The Deepings

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#### **Spatial and Economic Growth**

Your ref: SW/Deepings Green Walk

Dr Pam Byrd

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for:

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Email: s.watson@southkesteven.gov.uk

Date: 30 November 2017

Dear Dr Byrd,

Many thanks for consulting the District Council on the proposed Deeping Green Walk. We support the principle of the proposal and welcome its inclusion in the Deepings' Neighbourhood Plan.

We would like to make the following comments:

- 1. We support the purpose of the Deepings Green Walk, which is 'to promote healthy living for people of all ages...".
- 2. Protecting Green Routes: You should not use the term 'Green Belt', which has a very specific meaning in planning terms.
- 3. The future employment sites to the north of the Deepings seem to have been excluded from the Green Walk. We would encourage you to include these areas within the project.
- 4. We know you are making contact with some landowners and would encourage you to make sure all landowners have been contacted.
- 5. You should ensure the Welland and Deeping IDB (Internal Drainage Board) is consulted as some of the walking routes will follow some the ditches and drains that they maintain.
- 6. If you have not already done so, you should engage with Peterborough City Council, as an adjoining authority.

Yours sincerely

S Watson

Sarah Watson **Planning Policy Officer** 



Fwd: RE: Consultation

1 message

Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> Reply-To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> To: gordini36@gmail.com 16 January 2018 at 15:54

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From: Cllr Phil Dilks <P.Dilks@southkesteven.gov.uk>
To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk>

Date: 16 October 2017 at 12:26 Subject: RE: Consultation

Thanks Pam,

I will respond in more detail in due course, but meanme please be assur ed that I am very supporv e of the Green Walk inia v e and will do whatever possible to help make it happen!

Best regards

Phil

Phil Dilks

Serving Deeping St James on South Kesteven District Council and DSJ Parish Council

From: Pam Byrd [mailto:pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk]

Sent: 16 October 2017 10:03

To: Cllr Phil Dilks < P.Dilks@southkesteven.gov.uk>

Subject: Consultaon

Dear Phil

Please could you read and reply to this letter and attachment.

Many thanks

Pam Byrd

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Cc: "pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk" <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk>

Date: 30 November 2017 at 12:29 Subject: The Deepings Green Walk

Dear Dr Byrd,

Thanks you for your document and consultation requiring comments from this authority. The following are the comments of the Countryside Section which predominantly deals with natural environment matters and public rights of way. Whilst other area of the Council may wish to make separate representations please consider this Section to be leading on matters concerning public access.

1.Do you support the Deepings Green W alk project?

In general terms Lincolnshire County Council is supportive of the principles the project wishes to adopt concerning the provision of accessibility around the project area, linking green infrastructure and seeking improvements to the access network connectivity. The project would contribute to a number of the Statements of Action outlined in the Lincolnshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan (LINK)

2. How might its development af fect you and how are you able to contribute?

Much of the proposal is on existing public rights of way or other highways for which the Council is the Highway Authority all of which will require review for suitability and sustainability. It is also noted that a number of the routes highlighted are not on the public rights of way network and LCC would need to be involved to ensure that any permanent alterations or additions to the network are processed through the relevant legislation.

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Millfield – It is understood that this area is currently subject to a Town and Village Green application and that the land is owned by LCC – Clearly LCC has other interests than just access to consider and this Section's support for the wider project cannot indicate LCC's opinion as to the TVG application.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the project board in the New Year to discuss the proposal and to assist in guiding the individual elements and implementation where possible.

Chris Miller MIPROW

Team Leader – Countryside Services

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RE: Deepings W alk

1 message

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To: Gordon Smith <a href="mailto:sgordini36@gmail.com">gordini36@gmail.com</a>

9 October 2017 at 10:41

Good morning Mr Smith,

Thank you for sight of your proposed Deepings Walk document.

In terms of the Local Transport Plan, it sets out the overarching transport strategy across the county which, naturally, includes encouraging walking as a sustainable mode of travel (compared to car use) and as a way of encouraging a healthier lifestyle through exercise. The LTP itself does not set out a list of detailed proposals to achieve these outcomes.

However, I have shared your aspiraons with c olleagues in both our Public Rights of Way and Public Health teams who are happy to discuss this further with you and will be in touch shortly. Unfortunately, we are all in the middle of an office move this week so it may take slightly longer to get back to you than we would normally hope to.

Kind regards

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Ian Kitchen

Transport Policy Manager ,

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From: Gordon Smith [mailto:gordini36@gmail.com]

Sent: 04 October 2017 10:38

To: Ian Kitchen

Subject: Fwd: Deepings Walk

Dear Mr Kitchen

I represent Deeping First (web site in preparation) who work with two Parish Council's producing a Neighbourhood Plan. As part of that we are progressing a policy to promote non-car access improvements across The Deepings -please see the attached preliminary documents explaining the Deeping Walk.

Plainly much of the work necessary to create new routes will be picked up by negotiations on planning applications, but that is turn will require some explicit support from strategic policy development at the County level . Your own LTP4 offers generalized support for this sort of initiative, but I would like to ask if any of your own work (relevant to the Deepings) might support our own policy development, or indeed whether you might offer some leads on work we should carry out.

The matter is of considerable short term importance given:

- large scale planning applications are due to be received in the Deepings
- we want to to secure appropriate recognition in the next Transport Plan, South Kesteven's own emerging Local Plan, our own Neighbourhood Plan

I appropriate my question is somewhat open ended; I would be happy to meet you to review this project if that suited. If you are not the right person I would appreciate it if you would pass the query on

Gordon Smith,

for Deeping First

36 Stamford Road, Market Deeping, PE6 8AB

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From: Richard Fenwick < Richard.Fenwick@lincolnshire.gov.uk >

Date: 4 October 2017 at 08:54 Subject: RE: Deepings Walk

To: Gordon Smith <gordini36@gmail.com>

Good morning Mr. Smith,

Our Transport Policy Manager, Ian Kitchen, is the custodian of the Local Transport Plan and may be able to assist you. His email address is ian.kitchen@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Kind regards,

Richard

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From: Gordon Smith [mailto:gordini36@gmail.com] Sent: 03 October 2017 13:58 To: Richard Fenwick Cc: Pam Byrd Subject: Re: Deepings Walk
Dear Richard
Thank you for the reply. Please let me have the relevant contact for the LTP4 as we would like to engage with their policy development. I attach a briefing note on the Deeping Walk that explains our perspective.
This is work being carried out to support the development of a Neighborhood Plan.
Gordon
On 25 September 2017 at 15:32, Richard Fenwick <richard.fenwick@lincolnshire.gov.uk> wrote:</richard.fenwick@lincolnshire.gov.uk>
Good afternoon Mr. Smith,
I apologise for the delayed response, but your inquiry regarding investment strategies ended up with me and I wanted to take some time to check with the Local Highways manager to make sure I was giving you accurate information.

The version of the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) on the website is the most recent, I have checked with the custodian of the document and it tends to be a more high level strategy. Unfortunately there are no specific investment

strategies in place for the Deepings and I am told there are no place for walking strategy investment there from the local team.
Please let me know if there is anything else I can help with.
Kind regards,
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Fwd: RE: Consultation

1 message

Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> Reply-To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> To: gordini36@gmail.com 16 January 2018 at 15:55

----- Original Message -----

From: Dawn Mclean <Dawn.Mclean@sustrans.org.uk>
To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk>
Cc: Peter Bate <Peter.Bate@sustrans.org.uk>

Date: 17 October 2017 at 09:46 Subject: RE: Consultation

Dear Pam

Thank you for your email and the consultaon documen ts for the Deepings Green Walk, which I will forward to our Network Development Manager for the South Midlands, Peter Bate, for a response.

I wish you every success with the route which looks great and having lived in the Deepings for a number of years unl jus t recently, will be most welcome I'm sure.

Kind regards

Dawn

Dawn McLean

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From: Pam Byrd [mailto:pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk]

Sent: 16 October 2017 10:20

To: Dawn Mclean Subject: Consultaon

Dear Dawn

Please could you read and reply to this letter and attachment.

Many thanks

Pam Byrd

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Nov 2017

Sally Jackson Secretary Northern Footpath Forum.

The Northern Footpath Forum is a constituted voluntary group of local residents and Parish Councillors from six villages south of the River Welland in the Peterborough Local Authority Area. We aim to help all people from every background by encouraging safe access to the countryside by local communities.

The NFF was formed in 2008 to encourage the completion of a non-vehicular public access network, linking local villages safely. NFF is affiliated to the Peterborough Local Access Forum (LAF). Two of our members are also members of this group.

The area covered by NFF stretches from Werrington in the south, Deeping St James and Market Deeping in the north, the A15 in the west and the old A1073 in the east. It is split in half north/south by the River Welland and east/west by the Spalding to Peterborough railway, which make crossing those two barriers safely one of our prime objectives.

The Northern Footpath Forum is working with Deeping St James Parish Council in promoting a project to install a footbridge across the River Welland. This will provide access for local residents and visitors to an area of considerable historic, ecological and recreational value, to promote healthier lifestyles through walking and, most particularly, to improve safety for people crossing the river who currently often use the new rail bridge (illegally) for this purpose. The Welland Footbridge Project aims to enable better and safer accessibility to local villages on both sides of the county border without using a vehicle

The project has considerable support from local government, residents and a wide range of stakeholders. Planning permission is in place and remaining consent (Flood Defence Consent) is expected to be forthcoming soon, so the project is virtually ready to go. The project has been carefully costed, including comprehensive site surveys, and total costs are estimated to be about £200,000 (including a 10% contingency). Once funding is in place the project is expected to start in Autumn 2018 and complete by Spring 2019.

- 1. The NFF supports the Deepings Green Walk project and would like to be actively involved in the decisions about its future routes.
- 2. We have contacts and expertise both locally and wider that may help future projects. We would also be keen for you to make use of any information/ help that we can provide.
- 3. We have the following comments on the current consultation.
  - The Name.
     We were confused by the different names given to different aspects of the project.
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- The map shows several routes that are already designated Public Rights of Way. Would it be possible to distinguish these from 'gaps' where future provision needs to be developed?

Thank you for asking us to contribute to this exciting project.

Sally Jackson, Secretary Northern Footpath Forum 1 St Pegas Road Peakirk Peterborough PE6 7NF Jackson.sallyann@gmail.com



Fwd: RE: Consultation

1 message

Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> Reply-To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> To: gordini36@gmail.com 16 January 2018 at 15:55

----- Original Message -----

From: Kari-ann Whitbread <kari-ann.whitbread@pect.org.uk>

To: "pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk" <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk>

Date: 19 October 2017 at 11:10 Subject: RE: Consultation

Dear Pam,

I've been passed your consultaon documen t by Selina who has asked me to respond on behalf of PECT. Please see our response below:

1. Do you support the Deepings Green Walk project?

Yes, PECT is always in favour of developments that help enhance local green spaces and which will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of local communities.

2. How might its development affect you and how are you able to contribute?

PECT does not currently have any projects in Deeping, but we are looking to develop a project to encourage more people to use the Green Wheel, part of which links up to the Green Walk. We are also happy to share any information about the project through our social media channels. We have a long-term Forest for Peterborough project, which aims to plant a tree for every resident in the city. We are looking to expand this beyond the borders of the city so funding dependent, we would be able to contribute to any tree/hedge planting required along the route.

3. Are there access improvement suggestions or hot-spots we should know about?

Sorry, I don't know the area well enough to comment here.

4. Your name & contact details, including postcode, for follow-up contact

Details belo w.

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The Deepings Green Walk focuses on improving the design of new developments by first establishing the locations of delightful green spaces and securing sufficient accessible pathways before final Planning decisions are agreed. It is a long term project and has the potential to have a positive impact on the health and well-being of all residents and visitors to the Deepings as it will have benefits for all ages and levels of mobility.

From: Pam Byrd [mailto:pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk]

Sent: 16 October 2017 10:22

To: info

Subject: Consultation

Dear Selena

Please could you read and reply to this letter and attachment.

Many thanks

Pam Byrd



### Re: Deepings Green walk - Consultation on a new project

1 message

Lewis Banks <lewis.banks@peterborough.gov.uk>

20 November 2017 at 15:38

To: Gordon Smith <gordini36@gmail.com>

Cc: Iftikhar Ahmed <iftikhar.ahmed@peterborough.gov.uk>, Lee Moore <Lee.moore@peterborough.gov.uk>, Fisher James <james.fisher@peterborough.gov.uk>

#### Dear Gordon

I am sorry for the delay in responding to you. We are happy to support these proposals as they will have a positive impact on walking and cycling in the area and we can discuss the details further at a later date when appropriate. You may wish to forward these plans onto the Peterborough Cycle Forum and the Peterborough Access Forum if you have not already done so as I imagine they would be supportive. We can supply contact details for both organisations if needed.

If you need anything further from us at this stage please let us know.

#### Kind regards

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On 14 November 2017 at 09:11, Gordon Smith <gordini36@gmail.com> wrote:

#### Dear Sirs,

I have not received an acknowledgment and ask if this has reached you. I am uncertain who may take a lead at PCC so have copied you all in. Equally, you may think other parties may have an interest, in which case please let me know. In a nutshell, we are keen to engage with your Council as the idea extends the Green Wheel into Lincolnshire. Whilst we would welcome a more positive engagement, it may be that you would just like to receive occasional updates from us, in which case please let me know

We would like to draw together initial views by the end of this month. Please note a web site on the topic is now active at <a href="https://www.deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk/">https://www.deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk/</a>.

#### Thanks

Gordon Smith 07789 483134

for Deeping First

(representing the forward planning interests of Market Deeping Town Council and Deeping Gate Parish Council)

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Gordon Smith <gordini36@gmail.com>

Date: 17 October 2017 at 19:06

Subject: Fwd: Deepings Green walk - Consultation on a new project

To: iftikhar.ahmed@peterborough.gov.uk

Dear Ifikhar,

I see Lewis is away, so copied to you in case others may want to take an interest in his absence.

#### Gordon

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From: Gordon Smith <gordini36@gmail.com>

Date: 17 October 2017 at 19:01

Subject: Fwd: Deepings Green walk - Consultation on a new project

To: Lewis.banks@peterborough.gov.uk

Cc: Lee.moore@peterborough.gov.uk, darren.sharpe@peterborough.gov.uk, Pam Byrd

<pam@byrdassociates.ltd.uk>

Dear Lewis, (also Lee and Darren)

Lewis, you were on leave when I rang, so apologies for sending this to you cold.

I attach a consultation document forming part of the preparation for the Deepings Neighbourhood Plan - it is being sent out for consultation with a variety of organisations and you have been identified by PECT as the relevant contact for Peterborough Council. If there are others who may take an interest please let me know.

In broad terms it is a proposal that builds on the success of the PB Green Wheel but with a greater focus on healthy living. We will shortly have a dedicated website that you may want to sign-post from your own 'Travel Choices' site. However I suggest your key initial input may well be to provide indications of how it may knit with your own policies and programmes.

It would be helpful to have a written response as we will be publishing all comments, but please don't hesitate to phone if you have any queries.

#### regards

Gordon Smith for Deepings First 07789 483134

Note: At the suggestion of the Northern footpath Forum, this is also sent for comments to:

- Lee.moore@peterborough.gov.uk
- darren.sharpe@peterborough.gov.uk

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Fwd: Re: Consultation

1 message

Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> Reply-To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> To: gordini36@gmail.com 16 January 2018 at 15:54

----- Original Message -----

From: Stowe lain <iain.stowe@abelgratis.com>
To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk>

Date: 16 October 2017 at 12:16 Subject: Re: Consultation

#### Pam,

Gordon has indeed spoken with me and I am happy to respond on behalf of West Deeping;

- 1) A number of our residents cycle into Market Deeping using the foot path alongside the A1175. Occasionally some will walk. Continued upkeep of this route into the town centre would be appreciated.
- 2) The Public footpath leading from Molecey Mill to The Lane in West Deeping is used by a number of walkers and walking goups. It crosses land that has recently been designated for gravel extraction (MS29-SL) by LCC. Support for continued access along this route whilst extraction takes place would be appreciated. Subsequently the land will be restored and support for a continuation of the right of way and an imaginative and community friendly development would also be appreciated.
- 3) The above footpath is part of a circular route that returns to Market Deeping from King St just south of West Deeping, via Maxey Mill and thence along the south side of the Welland into MD. This is a walk used by a number of walking groups including our own village one.
- 4) The footpath from Millfield Rd. crosses Mill Field and the A15 exiting onto the A1175. It is not used so much but links into public rights of way on the east side of Millfield Rd and as such is a useful link for those wishing to walk west from north west MD.
- 5) Our village Heritage group have done a lot of work on the route of the old Stamford canal or navigation. An interpretation board alongside the A1175 near to Molecey Mill and others in WD & Tallington explain the history and route of a canal that dated from Elizabethan times and was probably the oldest in England. Its route continues into MD terminating at the Deeping Gate locks I believe so you might wish to explore the history of the MD end as part of your initiative.

I am sure WD Parish Council would wish to be supportive of the plans you outline for Market Deeping so if you feel we can be of use in the future please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are in the middle of changing Clerks at present so I would be your best contact over the next few months. Iain

Kind regards Iain Stowe Chairman - WDPC H; 00 44 (0)1778 346779 M; 07572 995160

On 16 Oct 2017, at 10:28, Pam Byrd < pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> wrote:

Dear lain

I believe Gordon has recently spoken with you about The Deepings Green Walk.

Please could you read and reply to this letter and attachment.

Many thanks

Pam Byrd

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## Fwd: Consultation on the Deepings Green W alk

1 message

Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> Reply-To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> To: gordini36@gmail.com 16 January 2018 at 15:57

----- Original Message -----

From: Angela Hankins <peakirkparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk>

To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk>

Date: 30 November 2017 at 12:32

Subject: Consultation on the Deepings Green Walk

## Dear Dr Byrd

I am responding to your letter of October 2017 in relation to consultation on the Deepings Green Walk.

The Parish Council supports the Deepings Green Walk project and would like to be kept informed of future developments.

As the parish council in Peakirk works very closely with the Northern Footpath Forum, and 2 of our councillors are lead members of that group the comments of the parish council are very similar to those you may already have received from the Northern Footpath Forum.

We would make the following comments:

#### The Name:

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Yours sincerely

Angela

Angela Hankins Clerk to Peakirk Parish Council



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Sent by email only

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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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Dear Pam,

PE68HD

## Representation to the Deepings Green Walk Consultation On Behalf of The Rathbone Trust

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the consultation on the proposed Deepings Green Walk. I write on behalf of Bidwells' client, The Rathbone Trust, in response to the consultation.

I enclose with this response 2 no. Location Plans of my client's land interest at Market Deeping. The first Location Plan (drawing no. C.1990) shows my client's land interest at Land west of Linchfield Road, Market Deeping. The second Location Plan (drawing no. B.13,617) shows my client's land interest at Land between A15 and Peterborough Road, Market Deeping.

In summary, we are supportive of the proposed Deepings Green Walk and acknowledge that the proposal has the potential to have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the local community and visitors to the Deepings.

We note that from the map showing the proposed route for the Deepings Green Walk, part of the route is planned through my client's sites at Land west of Linchfield Road and Land between A15 and Peterborough Road. Both of my client's sites have been identified as a draft allocation for development in the South Kesteven Draft Local Plan that was consulted on in Summer 2017.

We are supportive of a route for the Deepings Green Walk passing through both of my client's site and consider that the route could be incorporated into future development proposals of the sites.

However, we must stress that the exact route of the Deepings Green Walk through my client's site must remain indicative at this stage. We consider that the South Kesteven Local Plan must become adopted first and site specific masterplanning for each of the sites must take place before the exact route of the Deepings Green Walk can be defined.

We also note that part of the proposed route on the Linchfield Road site appears to be located along the northern and eastern boundaries of the site. Here, the site has been subject to tree planting that were implemented some 15 years ago. This part of the site could potentially be included as part of the proposed





route for the Deepings Green Walk. However, we must again stress that the route remains indicative at this stage until it can be defined through the emerging Local Plan and site specific masterplanning.

Should you have any queries in respect of my client's representation, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact details are included in the letterhead. Alternatively, I look forward to receiving your written confirmation of my client's representation to the consultation on the proposed Deepings Green Walk.

Yours sincerely

**Robert Love** 

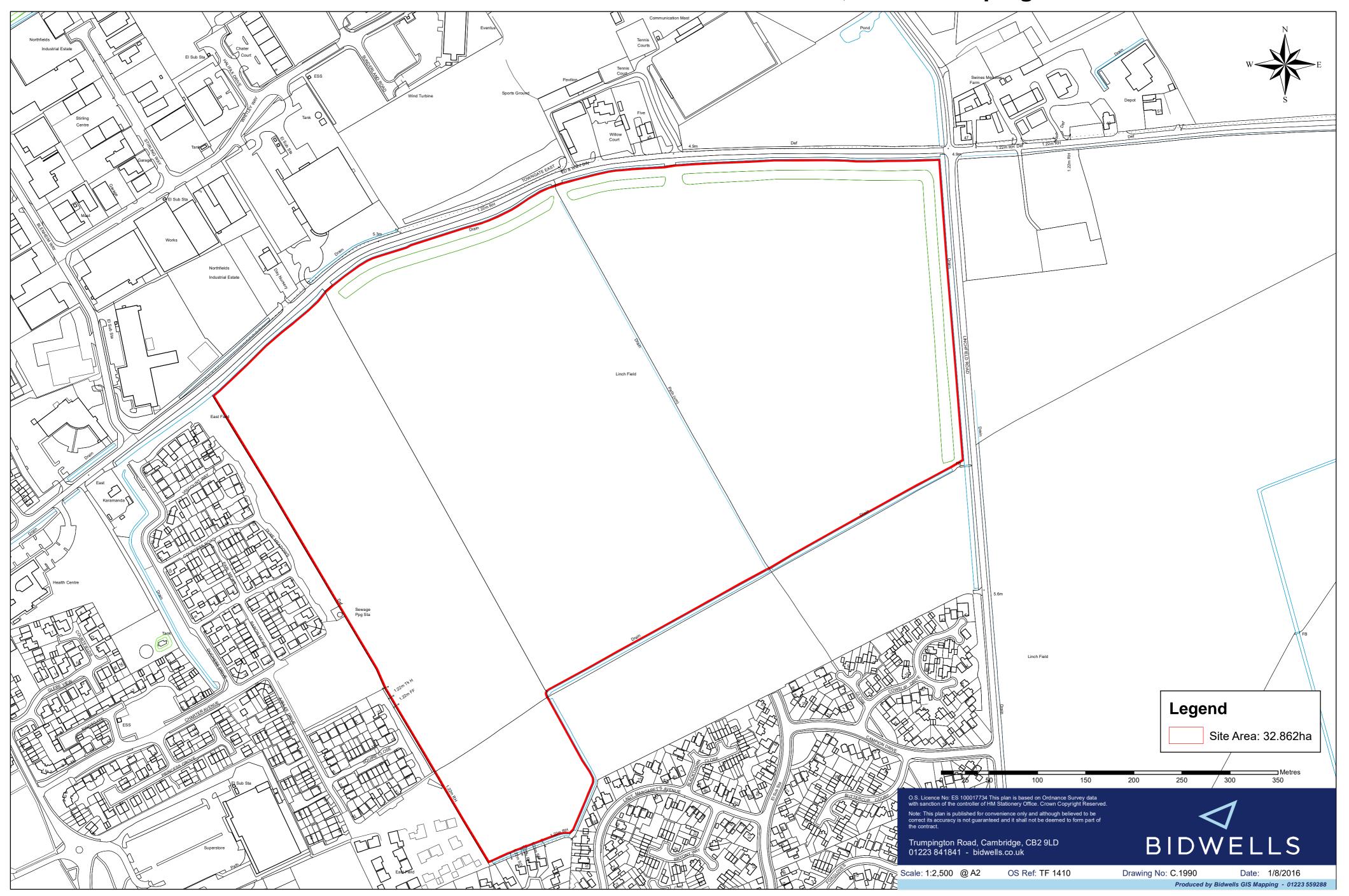
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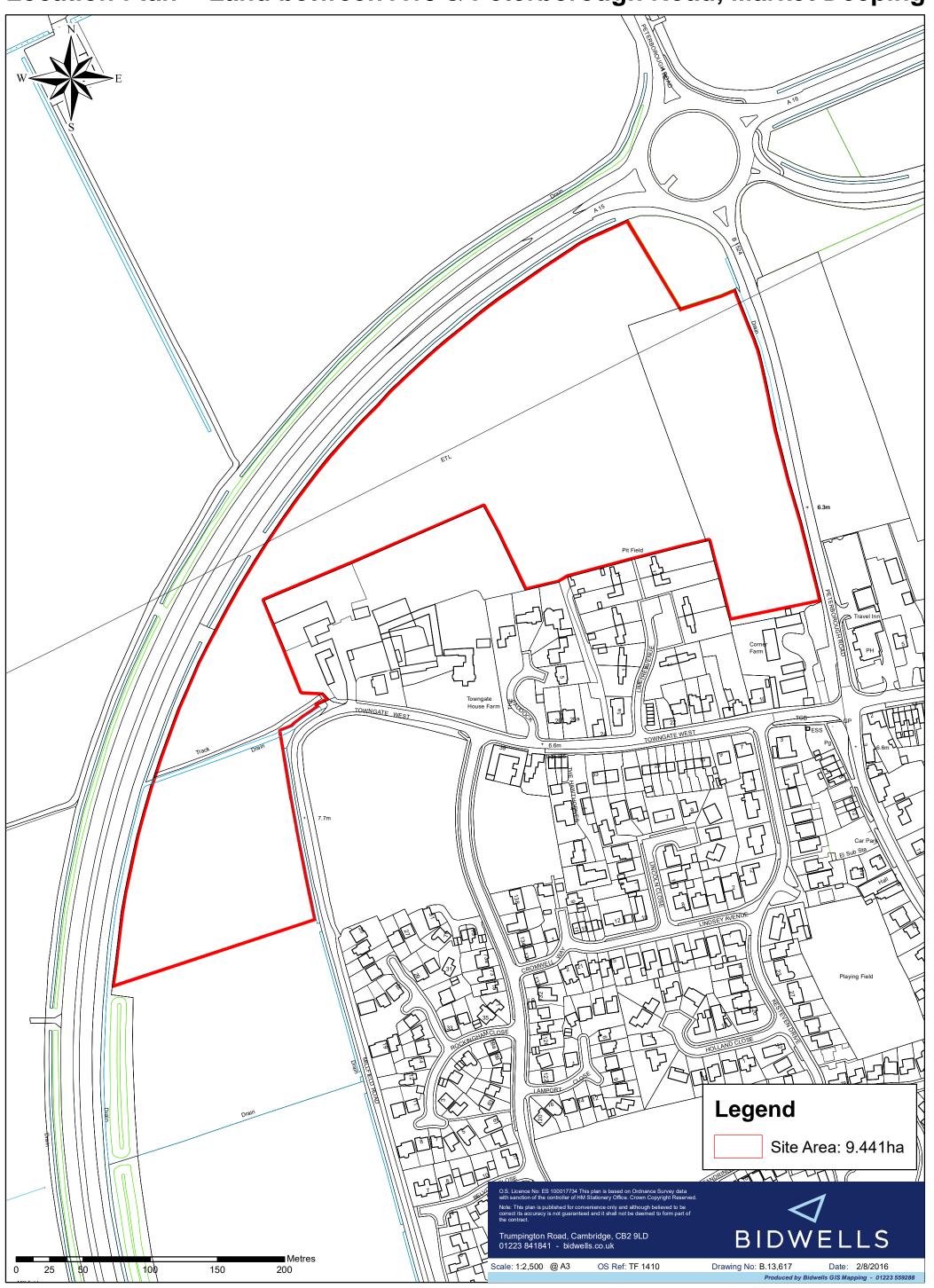
Location plan (drawing no. B.13,617)

Cc. Client

# Location Plan - Land west of Linchfield Road, Market Deeping



## Location Plan - Land between A15 & Peterborough Road, Market Deeping





Ref: GA/JS/07416/L0005

30th November 2017

Dr. Pamela Byrd Deepings First The Institute 38 Church Street Deeping St James Lincolnshire PE6 8HD

### Dear Pamela,

Representations to the Consultation on the Deepings Green Walk On behalf of London & Economic Properties

On behalf of our clients London & Economic Properties (LEP) we wish to make representations to the current consultation on the Deepings Green Walk.

The purpose of this submission is to highlight our clients support for the proposed Green Walk but to also raise concerns with the location of the Green Walk proposed with particular reference to its location along the western side of Linchfield Road.

This letter starts by providing a background to London & Economic Properties work in Market Deeping and Deeping St James, it then details their comments on the Deepings Green Walk consultation document in which consultation closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## Background

As Deepings First will be aware from previous meetings and communications, London & Economic Properties are actively involved in the progressing of an outline planning application for a sustainable residential development at land north of Burchnall Close and west of Linchfield Road.

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The site is allocated in the South Kesteven Council Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document (2014) under reference SKLP39 and Policy DEC1 for an indicative capacity of 100 dwellings to be delivered between 2021 and 2026. The Councils Five Year Housing Supply Assessment 2015-2020 however confirms that the site can be brought forward earlier than indicated in order to provide the buffer required by Paragraph 47 of the NPPF.

Furthermore, the site is allocated under SKLP39 in the District Councils Consultive Draft Local Plan (2017) along with land to the north of the site (Ref. SKLP253) as illustrated in Figure 1 below.

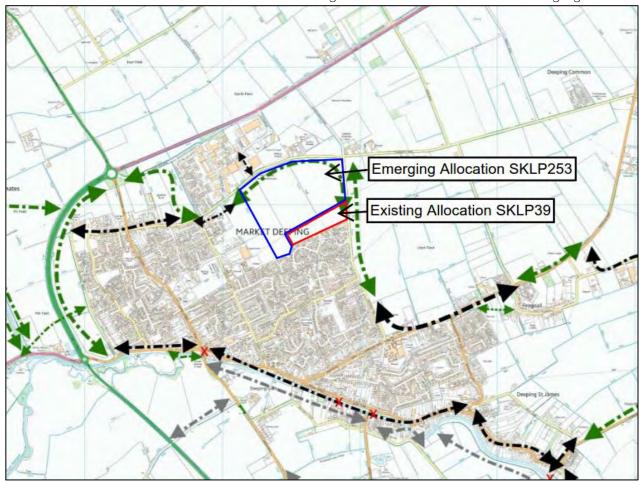


Figure 1: Location of Site and Emerging Allocation

As a result of a pre-application exercise which consisted of meeting with both the District and Town Councils as well as Deepings First and public exhibition, it was agreed that the best way to progress this site would be as an Outline planning application with access for consideration and other all matters reserved for assessment at a later date. This would give time for the emerging Local Plan to progress and the position of land to the north of the site to be confirmed.

LEP is therefore currently preparing an Outline application for up to 145 dwellings with access proposed off Burchnall Close to the south of the site and Linchfield Road to the east of the site. The scheme for 145 dwellings is policy compliant and will not result in any issues of acknowledged importance and in turn will result in a number of material planning benefits, including:

• The delivery of a residential development which has considered and integrated nicely with both existing and potential future development sites,

- Future residents will benefit from the sites sustainable location within walking distance to nearby key services, a range of frequent bus services, sport and recreational facilities and an excellent network of vehicular and pedestrian links,
- The scheme will enable the site to be delivered in a manner which has regard to and responds positively to
  the local area resulting in benefits to the landscape character, the highway network, biodiversity and ecology,
  green infrastructure and community benefits,
- The scheme would result in the provision of 145 dwellings including the policy compliant affordable housing, a range of accomodation types in response to local needs, additional open space, pedestrian, cycle and highway imjprovements, landscape and biodiversity enhancements and financial contributions towards services and facilities,
- Furthermore, the proposed scheme is sustainable, viable and deliverable for residential development.

#### Comments on the Green Walk Consultation

As the above background information demonstrates, London & Economic Properties are actively involved in the progression of a planning application for a residential development and are committed to enabling the sustainable development to help meet the local areas housing needs. The land in question is directly effected by the proposed off-road Green Walk route which currently proposes running along the eastern boundary of the site.

While the applicant supports the green walk proposals, the current route will directly impact the proposed access to the site, which along with access of Burchnall Close is the most appropriate in terms of highway safety for the site which has been demonstrated by a traffic surveys and the resultant Transport Assessment which states that both accesses are needed to accomodate the proposed residential development.

The Green Walk has been proposed on both the eastern side and western side of Linchfield Road and will have a direct impact on the access to the site. The Green Walk would therefore impede the delivery of a housing allocation, in a time were housing is needed urgently and would therefore be contrary to Policy DEC1 of the Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Document (2014). We are of the view that there is no need for the Green Walk to be in place on both sides of Linchfield Road as there are a number of considerable pedestrian benefits being provided within the scheme itself.

As indicated in Figure 2 below the site is bound along the northern boundary by a Public Right of Way (PROW) and an additional PROW also runs from north to south through the middle of the site. The proposed scheme will retain these pedestrian routes which enable direct access from the site to the village centre and associated services. As a result of retaining these routes residents will be within walking distance of the majority of key services and public transport facilities in the village. The retention of the two PROW already supports the objectives of the Green Walk as set out in the consultation document and we believe the inclusion of the Green Walk along the eastern boundary of the site will have no further benefits in addition to its provision along the eastern side of Linchfield Road.

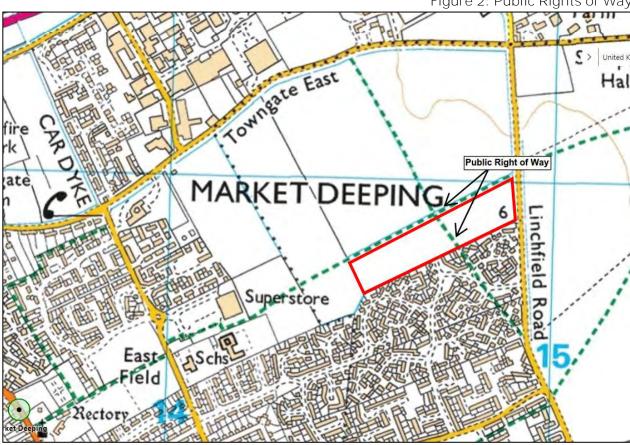


Figure 2: Public Rights of Way

Furthermore, there are a number of contraints which will further restrict the delivery of the Green Walk along this boundary. As illusrtrated at Figure 3 below a drainage ditch runs beyond the western side of Linchfield Road and in order to accommodate access an attenuation pond has been proposed on the north-east corner of the site. The proposed Green Walk will directly impact both the drainage ditch and the proposed attenuation area resulting in deliverability issues.



Figure 3: Drainage Ditch along Linchfield Road

#### Conclusions

While London & Economic Properties Limited supports the idea of the Green Walk we strongly object to the location of the off-road Green Walk on the western side of Linchfield Road and the eastern boundary of site allocation SKLP39 for the following reasons:

- The proposed Green Walk in this location directly impacts the site access off Linchfield Road which has been demonstrated to be a safe and suitable access option for the site,
- The delivery of the Green Walk in this location through the Neighbourhood Plan which is at very early stages
  will impact the delivery of a housing allocation at a time when there is an urgent need for housing in the
  Locality and the District,
- The retention of the PROW along the northern boundary and through the middle of the site already provides
  the benefits and objectives sought from the Green Walk in this location and is the much more sustainable
  option,
- There is no need to provide an off-road Green Walk on both sides of Linchfield Road and its location along the eastern side of Linchfield Road is much more sustainable given there is no land allocated for residential development.
- There is a drainage ditch located along the western side of Linchfield Road and a proposed attenuation pond on the north-east corner of the site which impose further constraints for the delivery of the Green Walk and if adopted further deliverability issues for the housing allocation.

We trust that these representations will be considered in the assessment of the Green Walk Consultation and Neighbourhood Plan and that comments provided viewed favourably.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Armstrong (geoff.armstrong@arplanning.co.uk)

Director

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## Fwd: The Deepings Green W alk Consultation

1 message

Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> Reply-To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> To: gordini36@gmail.com 16 January 2018 at 15:56

----- Original Message -----

From: Darren Fabris < Darren. Fabris@kier.co.uk >

To: "pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk" <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk>

Date: 30 November 2017 at 11:23

Subject: The Deepings Green Walk Consultation

Dear Dr Byrd,

Re: The Deepings Green W alk Consultation

Land owned by the Lincolnshire County Council (LL290651) on the north side of Stamford Road, west side of Millfield Road, Market Deeping

I have been asked by Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to respond on their behalf to your recent consultation on The Deepings Green Walk. My response is focused on the questions posed within your consultation letter. Each question is addressed in turn:

1. Do you support the Deepings Green Walk project?

LCC supports the broad aims and objectives of the project, namely to promote healthy living for people of all ages by establishing green spaces, and securing accessible pathways throughout The Deepings. Promoting alternative means of transport to the private car is also acknowledged as being a notable benefit. However, LCC cannot support the proposed route as shown on the plan attached to your consultation letter of October 2017 for the reasons detailed below.

2. How might its development affect you and how are you able to contribute?

The Mill Field is located to the west of Millfield Road and forms part of LCC's County Farms Estate portfolio. As landowner, LCC maintains and manages this portfolio in the wider public interest. LCC is currently promoting the site for residential development and South Kesteven District Council has chosen the site as a preferred allocation site within its emerging Local Plan (DEP1-H2: Circa 200 dwellings).

Work is currently ongoing to develop a masterplan for the site and LCC would welcome your input into this process with a view to incorporating a safe and accessible green route. If you are keen to be involved, then I would look to facilitate these discussions early in the new year.

Residential development of the site would provide an opportunity to maximise green routes and public open space on the Mill Field. Identifying and/or designating green walking routes in advance of the master-planning process would fail to achieve the site's full potential.

In light of the above, it is premature to 'agree' a green walking route through the Mill Field that could negatively impact upon delivery of the proposed allocation site.

3. Are there access improvement suggested or hot-spots we should know about?

A public right of way (PROW) transects the site at a point approximately 370m to the north of the Millfield Lane/B1166 junction. The PROW leads to White House Farm in the west and through residential properties to the east (Tattershall Drive, Meadway). This PROW provides a narrow passage across Mill Field and the general public are not permitted to enter the wider land, which is in agricultural use. Improvements to the existing PROW can be addressed as part and parcel of the master-planning process.

I trust that the above comments will be taken into account by the project team and I hope that you will accept my invitation to be involved in the master-planning process.

I look forward receiving an acknowledgement to our representations in due course.

Yours sincerely

Darren Fabris

BSc (Hons) MRICS RICS Registered Valuer

**Estates Manager** 

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From: Gordon Smith [mailto:gordini36@gmail.com]

Sent: 18 October 2017 13:00

To: Darren Fabris < Darren. Fabris@kier.mou53 of 65 > Subject: Fwd: Deepings Walk

Dear Mr Fabris

I attach a letter that is both notifying you as landowner of an affected piece of land, but also as you may have a view that might influence our strategy. So you have the fullest picture, I attach an email stream so you can see the matter of of policy is being addressed by other parts of LCC.

Please ring if you want more explanation.

Gordon Smith,

for Deeping First.

07789 483134

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## Re: Seeking your views on the 'Deeping W alk'

1 message

Gordon Smith <gordini36@gmail.com>

16 November 2017 at 09:45

To: Info at Alston Country Homes Ltd <info@alstoncountryhomes.co.uk>

Thanks Stuart. Useful information. Gordon

On 16 November 2017 at 08:40, Info at Alston Country Homes Ltd <info@alstoncountryhomes.co.uk> wrote:

**Morning Gordon** 

We don't have any control over this area of land, it is farmed by Robert Peasgood and the land managers are Bidwell's in Cambridge. The reduced size on the draft Local Plan may be due to the bund going round the bypass.

Regards

Stuart Fox Director Alston Country Homes Ltd

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From: Gordon Smith [mailto:gordini36@gmail.com] Sent: 15 November 2017 16:25
To: Info at Alston Country Homes Ltd
Cc: Pam Byrd Subject: Re: Seeking your views on the 'Deeping Walk'
Subject. No. Seeking your views on the Beeping walk
Dear Stuart
Thanks for your support.
The corner in question is plainly one of the many interesting pinchpoints we will need to review. I have had a look at the ownership of the land in question (as attached) and see that the Rathbone Trust are freeholders of the larger lump of land between Vergette Court and the Bypass. The council's recent draft Local Plan review reduced the size of the allocation on this land leaving, as it happens, space near the ByPass for our Green walk (not their intention, just our opportunism).
I guess that this wider area of land between Vergette and the Bypass (coloured green on the attached ) has nothing to do with you. Is that right?
Regards
Gordon
07789 483134
On 15 November 2017 at 15:34, Info at Alston Country Homes Ltd <info@alstoncountryhomes.co.uk> wrote:</info@alstoncountryhomes.co.uk>
Hi Gordon
Many thanks for the email, I have looked at the proposal and would support the idea. My only concerns would be the proximity of the footpath in relaon to the corner of the garden to 2 Verge e Court although I suspect the occupant will be objecting.
Keep me updated with progress and if you wish to meet to discuss at some me in the functure please give me a call.
Regards
Stuart Fox
Director Alston Country Homes Ltd
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## Re: Deepings First - Deepings Green W alk

1 message

Gordon Smith <gordini36@gmail.com>

To: Clerk Admin <feoffeeclerk@outlook.com>

Cc: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk>

1 December 2017 at 13:37

Thanks for that. If it helps, the plan expresses very long term ambitions and there is no money yet available - so (as you may have guessed) we have no plans nor the means to seek purchase from the charity. Consequently, I do not want our long term ambitions to worry the tenant. I do not know, but guess the tenant will reasonably say that any reduction in size of the farmed land could affect viability.

In any event, I do not see a new pedestrian route being secured whilst there is still farmland there. The whole project as it affects the tenant may only take on new meaning if the larger area of land to the south -owned by the county council - has a confirmed new future as development land (it was controversially proposed for housing in the last draft of the local plan). So I suggest you keep an eye on the land to the south as that will offer a lead on possible change. it may be that the developer of that land takes an interest in your own land.

Our plan will just put down markers to influence future development if it ever occurred on the Feoffes land. Please feel free to forward this email on ; I am also happy to take calls to assist understanding

Gordon

for Deeping First 07789 483134

On 1 December 2017 at 12:33, Clerk Admin <feoffeeclerk@outlook.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Gordon.

Hope you are good.

As promised I am coming back to you regarding the above.

A meeting of the Trustees was held today. The Trustees have asked me to give to you the following feedback.

The Trustees thank you for the document. They have siad that this document should be shared with the tenant farmer who rents the land. These details are to be sent via the agent that manages the land rent on behalf of the charity, and those details are: Stephen Knipe, 1 A Abbey Road, Bourne 01778 421900 they have an email address of enquiries@stephenknipe.co.uk

As the land is rented by a tenant the Trustees feel it is right for the tenant to comment on the document.

Best wishes,

Kind regards,

## Julie Bourne

**Feoffee Secretary** 

Proposed John Eve Field Footway and Cycleway Project Written by Cllr Adam Brookes

## Background

It is believed that the Town Council will support active travel and recognise the benefits it can bring, such as reducing car usage which can reduce congestion, reducing the impact on the environment, and health benefits through reduced vehicle emissions and increased physical activity.

The council should continue to look to contribute to the promotion of active travel through lobbying others to improve provision but also by seeking opportunities that arise in the delivery of the council's services and through the council's land assets.

### Proposal

The council should create a paved route for pedestrians and cyclists to connect Godsey Lane and Church Street through the John Eve Field/Glebe Park, along the route of Footpath No. 4.

This is an opportunity for the council to create a useful direct contribution to the promotion of active travel in Market Deeping, for cycling and walking, and including those using wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

This would provide a pleasant, traffic-free route between two key roads, linking important destinations such as the schools, church, and Tesco supermarket. It will also help to connect the north Godsey Lane area to the 101 bus route on Church Street, helping to promote bus travel. This route will also become increasingly important with significant housing development likely to take place in Deeping St James, further along Footpath No. 4.

The proposed route would consist a 4 metre wide footway/cycleway. The surface would be tarmac or similar to ensure it is suitable for use by all in all weather conditions.

The route will be lined with a suitable fence to reduce the risk of conflicts between park users, including children and dogs, and cyclists. The fencing should not be immediately adjacent to the

paved surface to allow for a grass verge to accommodate potential services such as electricity for lighting of the route or for use during events.

Lighting would be provided to facilitate use during night time. This could include suitable lighting to allow for greater recreational use of the park alongside, particularly during winter evenings.

There shall be several crossings suitable for vehicles. The route shall be constructed to a suitable standard to accommodate occasional overrun by heavy vehicles for access during events.

It is understood that planning permission is likely to be required. The entire route is within the conservation area, near to several Grade I listed buildings, and so the design will need to reflect the need to preserve the character of the conservation area.



Figure 1 - Map showing the route of the proposed improved footway/cycleway

## Delivery

This is a large, complicated project which will require significant funding. The council should make provision in the 2018/19 budget to enable initial design work and consultation with key stakeholders. A figure of £5,000 is suggested. It may be possible to reallocate some of the funding set aside for the Godsey Lane footway project should there remain a surplus.

As part of the route, the council should look to take ownership of the cemetery driveway and construct a paved surface.

It is considered likely that other sources of funding may be available for a project of this nature.

Work to identify funding should also be a priority. This may include the council borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board.

During 2018/2019 the council should look to engage a suitable contractor to create detailed designs. These will be the subject of public consultation, for seeking planning permission from the District Council, and to invite bids to execute the work. Early, pre-application, advice from the District Council should be sought to understand likely planning issues and particularly the risk of increased costs due to the need to mitigate the impact on the conservation area.

The council should also work with the County Council with a view to see if it would be possible for them to adopt the route and so take on responsibility for future maintenance. It is likely that the design of the interface with Godsey Lane will require particular attention and work with the County Council.

## Recommendation to Full Council

This committee recommends the council supports in principle the construction of an improved footway and cycleway across the council's John Eve Field/Glebe Park as described here and that the council makes a £5,000 provision in the 2018/19 budget to enable initial work to deliver this.

#### Facebook post from Adam Brookes 22.11.17

Just back home after this evening's Town Council meetings. I'm disappointed that my proposal at the Amenities & Open Spaces committee meeting to improve the public footpath across the council's John Eve Field/Glebe Park was strongly rejected.

Despite my proposal acknowledging that there were many issues that would need further research, and so only seeking funds to look at initial design work, there was no support even to do this.

Concerns raised included the need given other routes available, the general feasibility, potential misuse, and risks of conflicts between "Lycra-clad speeding cyclists" and other users of the park. I had suggested a fence alongside the route to address that issue but there were objections to this.

I made that point that whilst there would be risks associated with this proposal, there are already, likely much higher risks, of pedestrians and cyclists instead using existing roads. I also suggested that creating new, direct routes, may provide a more pleasant and convenient experience and so help to encourage active travel.

Noting the opposition to this proposal, I did suggest a more modest project just to look at surfacing the route of the public footpath to make it more suitable for pedestrians including those using wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

That was a little better received but when I proposed we set aside funds in next year's budget to look at this that was rejected. None of the other committee members present would second that proposal so it wasn't even voted on.

I remain of the view that there is scope for this footpath to be improved in some form and so will be considering the feedback given tonight to see if my proposal could be adapted so it could be accepted by the council.





## Fwd: Deepings Green W alk

1 message

Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> Reply-To: Pam Byrd <pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk> To: gordini36@gmail.com 16 January 2018 at 15:55

----- Original Message -----

From: Colin Gamble

To: pam.byrd@deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk
Date: 12 November 2017 at 15:53
Subject: Deepings Green Walk

#### Pam

I would be very interested in becoming involved in the Project, I am very interested in green issues and an amateur bird watcher , tree lover , butterfly enthusiast and wild flower spotter Regards
Colin Gamble

Sent from my iPad

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## Fw: Form Message re Green W alk

1 message

Pam Byrd <pam@byrdassociates.ltd.uk>
To: Gordon Smith <gordini36@gmail.com>

10 November 2017 at 09:24

From: form-processor

Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 8:47 PM

To: pam@byrdassociates.ltd.uk Subject: Form Message

Form response nofic aon

The following form has been submi ed from your website - http://www.deepingsgreenwalk.co.uk.

Name: George Shelton

Email: george.shelton@talktalk.net

Phone: 1778343755

Message: Looking at the proposals my wife and I see a gap in the provision of facilies f or the wider community. As horse owners who have lived in Deeping St James for over 30 years my wife and I are disappointed to note that no provision has been made for opening up routes available for riders. All the proposals are for walkers and cyclists ( who should not be on footpaths anyway) and never do we hear of anything for horse riders to get off the increasingly dangerous roads. For example, the only bridleways in Deeping st James stop a. er a few yards and then become footpaths. This can only be an anomaly of the original registraon of right to so way and we would want to see the provision of addional bridle ways to get riders off the roads and in safety.

Having once been involved in an accident where a driver hit a horse when we were riding out, which subsequently had to be destroyed, we really would like to see some safety for horse owners in the Deepings being considered.

We have submi ed to the parish council and the footpaths partnership that the proposed bridge over the river Welland near to the railway should be available to horse riders as well as being wheelchair compliant, but have not received any posive responses. This is disappoining because in my previous posion working for the Environment Agency as their Estates Operaon Manager I had posive responses to allowing horse riders to use the flood meadows on the opposite side of Eastgate, which could have provided access to the Green Wheel. Peterborough does invite horse use of their rights of way. The Environment Agency have also opened up access along the Maxey Cut, and have a posion to promote public access, and previously in my professional role have agreed to open up bridleway access where possible. Although I am wring in my private capacity and not for or on behalf of the Environment Agency, I would be happy to discuss this further and to put the organisers in touch with the appropriate people, as I could not deal with this through my conflict of interest.

If you wish to contact me our address is Bank House, 179 Eastgate, Deeping St James

Reply to customer