

**(RR-037) ELAF: South and north connection of proposed permissive WCH – not just cycleway - route**

Deadline 7: Wednesday 11 January 2023

- 1) Page 15 of revision 5 of Longfield Solar's Outline Design Principles (Dec22) document [REP6 -007 & -008] still refers to... *"a cycle route to connect Waltham Road to Terling Hall Road."* ELAF request that this text and other references to a cycle route are amended to refer to a WCH (walking cycling & horseriding) route.
- 2) It is ELAFs understanding that the applicant has agreed that this route will be available to ALL non-motorised users – walkers, cyclists and horse-riders, and mobility impaired users where practicable, – not just cyclists. This route is also referred to as a "north/south green route".
- 3) It is also ELAFs understanding that the applicant acknowledges that a cycle connection is NOT possible at present to either Terling Hall Road, which is not adjacent to the Order limits, nor to Waltham Road. Both cyclists and horse-riders can of course connect to the public highway at Noakes Farm Road/ Noakes Lane. There is connectivity for pedestrians at both the north and south ends through the public FOOTpath network.
- 4) In keeping with ELAF's "access for all" objectives, ELAF have petitioned for WCH connections at both the north and south end of the permissive route/paths and have made some suggestions – see Deadline 6 representation.

The applicant has stated that a connection at the southern end along the cable route will not be possible as, if their application to install a cable across 3<sup>rd</sup> party land is successful, the powers would not include the installation of a permissive path. ELAF do not understand why the powers sought cannot include the power to install a WCH permissive path along the line of the buried cable route which it is stated will be in a trench 3metres wide (and up to 3m deep).

It is understood that the applicant are open to ELAF's suggestions for possible means of WCH connectivity at the northern end and are considering this in more detail.

As suggested by the applicant, by this submission ELAF are picking up this topic at deadline 7.
- 5) ELAF request that in keeping with the agreement that the permissive route / paths will be WCH routes (walking, cycling and horseriding) not just cycling routes, that all mentions of "cycle/ cycling" relating to permissive paths in the DCO and associated documents is changed to "WCH (walking cycling & horseriding)". For example, DCO Work No.6 (f).

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