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I am deeply concerned that the diversion off the existing route adjacent to Green Barn Farm on the Selborne Road and finishing on Caker Lane by Worldham Golf Course near Alton has NOT been adequately justified. The reason given for this diversion as I understand it, has been to preserve priority habitats, namely Floodplain Grazing Marsh. There was doubt in the original environmental survey that the land looked 'improved grassland' from satellite imagery and is no longer priority habitat. Was this properly investigated because it is clearly not floodplain grazing marsh now and is of little botanical interest? The land has been better drained and three pipelines have been successfully laid along this route previously.

The new route, which is extensively longer, will have far greater impact on the environment crossing even more sensitive areas including Water Lane (a SINC of significant geological and botanical interest) and an established wildflower meadow in my own land which has been supporting a wide variety of biodiversity including many birds on the red list and an established apiary on site will have to be moved. I have in writing from the Specialist Environmental Services and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre at Hampshire County Council would prefer the pipeline to take the existing route. Please will this be investigated further and clarity sought as to the reason for this diversion?

