

BY EMAIL ONLY14th September 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed footpath diversion and creation in Sawston, Cambridgeshire

Redrow Homes Ltd have recently submitted a planning application to South Cambridgeshire District Council for the residential development of 280 homes on Land South of Babraham Road in Sawston (ref: 21/03955/FUL). The site is allocated for development in the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 under Policy H/1:c.

There are currently two public rights of way located on the site; these being Footpath 196/12 which crosses the centre of the site from Plantation Road then heads in a north easterly direction over to the eastern boundary of the site, and Footpath 196/14 that runs along the southern boundary before passing out of the site and running in a northerly direction just outside but adjacent to the eastern boundary, before heading east away from the site. These routes are shown marked in blue on the enclosed masterplan.

I am writing to make you aware that as part of the development proposals, Redrow Homes are seeking to divert the route of Footpath 196/12 from the point where it enters the site on the eastern boundary to then head southwards within the green corridor along the eastern boundary of the site to join up with Footpath 196/14 on the southern boundary. Public access would continue to be available at the point where Footpath 196/12 currently enters the site on the western boundary from Plantation Road via the new roads and paths that will be offered for public adoption. The route of Footpath 196/14 would remain unchanged and it is proposed that both paths would be upgraded to bridleway status and would be paved at a width of 3m for the majority of their length through the site (the width reduces to 2m for short sections of the path). Where possible, taking account of the constraints of the site, we have also sought to provide a grass verge alongside the paved path that would be suitable for use by equestrians.

As illustrated on the enclosed masterplan, the development proposals also seek to create a new bridleway to connect the existing shared footway/cycleway that runs along the side of Babraham Road with Footpath 196/12 where it enters the site on the eastern boundary. Taken together, the proposals would allow for a linked and upgraded route to connect Babraham Road in the north around the eastern side of the site and over to Church Lane in the south west. This will allow for convenient and safe access to the services and facilities located in the village centre along the High Street.

Redrow Homes will shortly be submitting footpath diversion, creation and upgrade applications to the local authority and are seeking your views in advance. I would be grateful if you could send any comments in writing to me at the postal address shown above or by email to alice.kirkham@redrow.co.uk by 29th September 2021.

Yours faithfully,
For Redrow Homes Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alice Kirkham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Alice Kirkham
Senior Planning Manager