

Dear Hannah,

Rights of Way

The application does not acknowledge the existence of two rights of way that run along the private track leading to the site; Public Footpath No. 30 Weeford Parish and Public Footpath No. 0.482 Weeford Parish. From the application documents it does not appear that the footpath will be directly affected by the development.

The applicant needs to be reminded that although the track to the property is private, the fact that the route is a public highway (footpath) takes precedence. The use by private vehicles is subject, and subordinate to, the public's right. In other words pedestrians have a public right and vehicles need to give way to them not the other way around.

Any proposed works to the surface of the footpath will first need to be discussed with the County Council Rights of Way Team.

It is important that users of the path are still able to exercise their public rights safely and that the path is reinstated if any damage to the surface occurs as a result of the proposed development or use of the site if the application is approved. The surface of the footpath must be kept in a state of repair such that the public right to use it can be exercised safely and at all times. Heavy vehicular use can cause the way to become unsuitable for use and in some instances dangerous. Some attention needs to be drawn to this and that surface works may be required. The County Council is only responsible for the surface of the footpath for pedestrians, and the applicant should be made aware of this.

Kind Regards,

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