

71867 - Land bounded by Brightley Brook, Pilsworth Fisheries, Pilsworth Road & Heywood Distribution Park; to the west by Whittle Brook; to the east by Birch Industrial Park & fields; and to the south by the M62 corridor

This is an outline planning application making it difficult to comment on individual public rights of way issues.

At this stage, it is clear that the extensive public rights of way network across the site has been considered by the applicant and this consideration needs to be carried through the planning process.

Most of these PROWs are currently unsurfaced, field footpaths. Opportunities to keep walking routes away from carriageways and large buildings should be given priority. Open aspects and good sight lines are essential. The possibility of expanding the network to accommodate routes for cyclists **and horses** on routes away from motorised traffic also need to be followed up through the planning process. The development provides an opportunity to create multi-use routes both through the site and linking to existing/new routes beyond the site boundaries.

I would welcome the opportunity to have direct input on PROW matters as the scheme develops.

Public Rights of Way Officer
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