

To the Community Planning Team

Thank you for your letter dated 26th June 2020. I live at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]  
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I am not a knowledgeable bird watcher but do appreciate and welcome the birds that visit the area. I see herons fairly regularly but have seen kingfishers on just a handful of occasions.

I appreciate the benefits of improving pedestrian access around the village. I note that one of the proposed "connections" (shown in pink on page 52 of the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan) is slightly north of the stream which borders the north side of my property and which I have access to.

My thoughts are as follows:

(1) The water meadow is an essential flood plain. If any path is built up (eg with gravel or concrete), it will diminish the effectiveness of the water meadow as a flood plain. On page 43, I note there is mention of an 'all-weather off-road pedestrian access'. This would inhibit the ability of the water meadow to do its job and would, I believe, be an unwise move as flooding is already an issue in the area. I wish to be assured that the path will not be built up in any way.

(2) On the few occasions that I have been privileged enough to have glimpsed a kingfisher, my dog has been indoors and I have been doing something quietly in the garden. I am aware that people and dogs will disturb the deer and birds in the meadow. Will there be restrictions on dogs? Will they have to be on leads? If so, who will enforce this please?

(3) Has the possibility of a path around the north edge of the meadow (where it could meet the path requested for the proposed housing site) been considered?

(4) I note on page 35 that the area north of my property will be community land. How is it envisaged that this land will be used?

I would welcome a visit by someone from the Community Planning Team to discuss these matters.

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPhone