

# West Sussex Local Access Forum

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## **Permissive Bridleway Consultation - Footpath 5k, Hassocks**

Thank you for your email regarding the above consultation. Following our Forum meeting yesterday, where members were able to discuss the proposal, I have been asked to respond to you on their behalf.

WSLAF has responded to consultations and taken a great interest in the developments east and west of the railway line (Clayton Mills and Friar's Oak) over the past few years. We have always felt that there were opportunities for significant improvements to the PRow network at this location, to provide a safe east/west connected route that would be of great benefit to all NMUs.

Whilst there is a general feeling of regret that this is not a definitive dedication, members nevertheless welcome and support the proposal for a 10-year formal permissive agreement with the County Council to create a permissive bridleway along part of FP 5k through the Friar's Oak development. It is hoped that at a future date a definitive dedication can be agreed.

We understand that Network Rail have now indicated they will upgrade the new underpass to bridleway status which is very welcome news. We also remain hopeful that agreement can be reached with the developer of Clayton Mills to upgrade FP5k through to Ockley Lane providing a safe link onwards to BW 6k for all NMUs, together with an agreement for the provision of a PRow (bridleway) running north from the underpass to link with the Burgess Hill Green Circle. We would also suggest the provision of an onward route to the west from the London Road roundabout, to link with BW 8 and provide safety for all NMUs, should be investigated

The Forum would like to thank all who are, or have been, involved in the provision of these significant improvements in the Hassocks area for vulnerable road users, it is, as you say, very much welcomed and appreciated.

Kind regards  
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