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Dear Sir or Madam

As part of the current consultation I request that the following comment be taken into account in formulating the final version of this (in my view) excellent document:

Re: Page 17, 'General Planning guidance (all character areas)' Paragraph 5, concerning footpaths and bridleways

I agree wholeheartedly that existing footpaths and bridleways should be protected and maintained in the course of any new development. However, depending upon the size of the development there may be a strong argument for re-routing a path or bridleway in order to protect the privacy of existing householders.

A specific example would be the bridleway running east to west between the B3354 (Main Road) and the B3335 (OS Landranger map reference SU 480228 to 478228). The easterly end of this path

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runs between, and very close to, two existing houses in Main Road. These are number 36, and my own house, number 34 ('The Malt House', a Grade 2 listed building). Currently with open fields to the rear, sight of the occasional horserider or walker is a pleasant feature of the rural scene. However, should those fields be built on, then the use of that same path by the inhabitants of, say, 100 new dwellings for access to (for example) the bus stop and the Indian restaurant (No. 26) in Main Road, both 200 yards to the north of these properties, would become unduly obtrusive and a potential nuisance. Were any application for substantial development on the aforementioned fields to be submitted, I would request that it should be a condition of any consent that the bridleway be re-routed away from these two properties. An obvious place for the re-routed path to join Main Road would be just north of the Indian restaurant.

No doubt there are other paths in the village to which similar considerations may be applicable.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully

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