

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

2nd July 2014

County Councillor Ruth Vigor-Hedderly

The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum is the statutory advisory body on all matters relating to access to the countryside

Dear County Councillor Vigor-Hedderly

Section 106 funded crossing of the A413 Watermead to Buckingham Park

The Local Access Forum would like to raise the issue of a safe crossing of the A413 on the eastern side of the Buckingham Park development, Aylesbury. This has been discussed at forum meetings on 20th November 2013 and 19th March 2014.

It is understood Buckinghamshire county council are holding £80, 000, secured as part of a section 106 Agreement, in order to install a Pegasus crossing on the A413. This was part of a wider plan to link Buckingham Park with Watermead along a new bridleway. However, this is not now possible following Watermead parish council, deciding at their meeting on 16th January 2014, they no longer wanted to create new access on land within their control. County Councillor Netta Glover, a member of the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum and in whose Ward this lies, is aware of the issues.

Having said that, and in the knowledge a new bridleway is not now possible to connect the two communities together directly, we would request that you consider retaining the section 106 money, subject to meeting the terms of the Agreement, in order to construct a crossing suitable for walkers and cyclists. This will ensure the existing bridleway through Buckingham Park does not become a dead end at the A413, and pedestrians/cyclists can safely cross the road and connect south along the highway verge to link with the footways at the traffic light crossroads of Prince Rupert Drive, Buckingham Road and Watermead Road.

Yours Sincerely,

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