Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to the attached consultation received in respect of the above, in principle, West Sussex County Council (WSCC) does not raise any concerns regarding the proposed PROW re-alignment as shown. This largely reflects the more sinuous route already agreed as part of the various requirement schemes (in particular requirements 11 and 15) for the substation site - <u>Stage 1 documentation</u>.

Whilst it is for Secretary of State to determine if the proposed amendment can be considered as an NMC, WSCC do not consider that the proposed change is 'material' or that it would result in a likely significant effect on the environment or local businesses/residents.

As noted, WSCC do not consider a formal deed of dedication for the new footpath is required as Article 17 of the 2014 Order (as amended) is sufficient to dedicate the revised footpath route as a public right of way.

Should the NMC be approved, any minor revision that may be required to approved requirement schemes (landscaping/footpath specification) can be regularised through the amendment process as necessary (Requirement 42).

Regards,

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