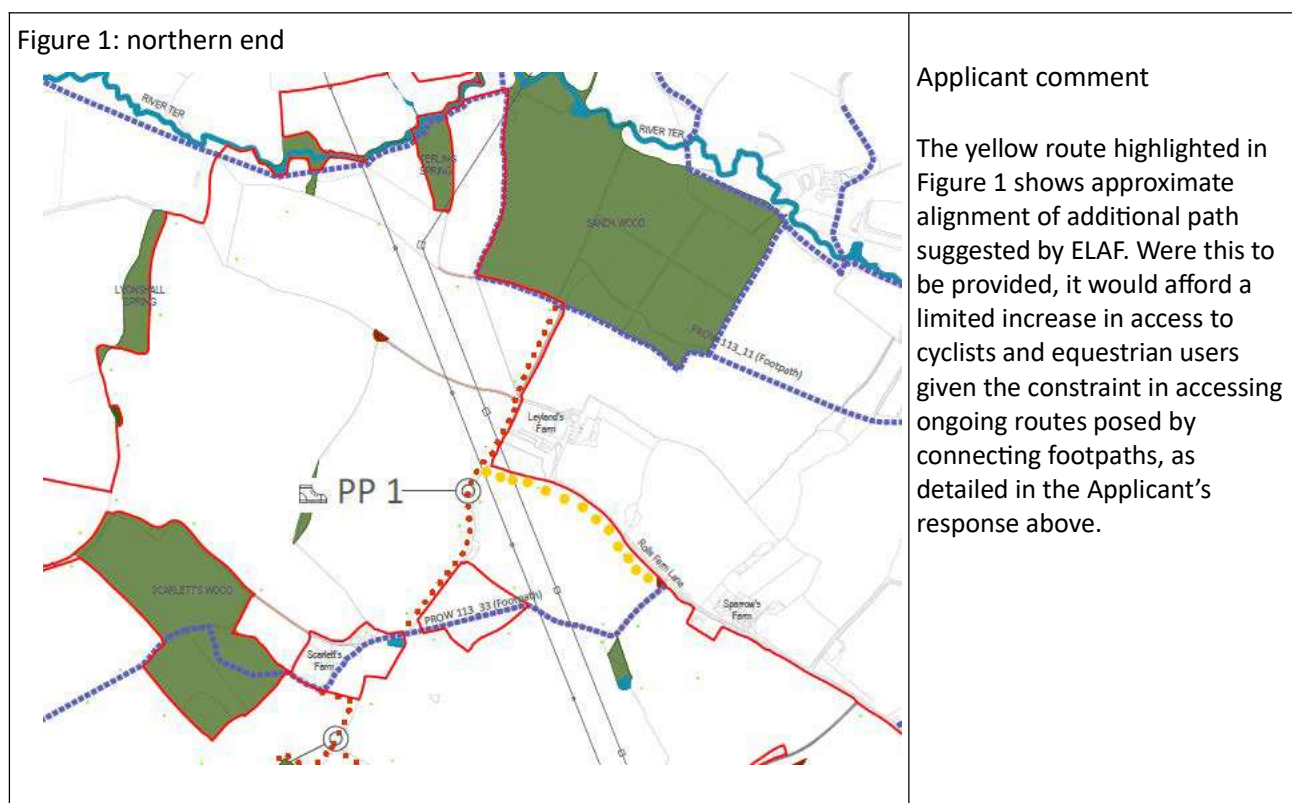


(RR-037) ELAF: South and north connection of proposed permissive WCH route

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re: REP5-018 Deadline 5 Applicant Comments on Submissions Received at Deadline 4 and ELAF's deadline 4 comments REP4-043

- 1) As noted in ELAF's deadline 4 representation (REP4-043), Longfield Solar's REP03_39 Appendix D the technical note states that walking, cycling and equestrian use will be permitted on all permissive paths. The opening up of permissive paths to equestrian users as well as walkers and cyclists is welcome and is in keeping with ELAF's ethos of Access for ALL and is welcome.
- 2) In ELAF's deadline 4 representation (REP4-043), in keeping with NPPF 100, ELAF requested that a connection could be made towards the northern end of the permissive route, onto the public highway part of Rolls Farm Lane / Sparrows Farm Lane. The applicant's representation REP5-018 included the following Figure 1 and the associated comment:



At the accompanied site visit on 6 December, Mrs Katherine Evans, ELAF Chairman and representatives from Longfield Solar were able to consider & discuss ELAF's request on the ground for a connection onto the public road. The point where Rolls Farm Lane / Sparrows Farm Lane changes from public road to the east to a private to the west, is clearly signed. A connection of the north-south permissive route / greenway to the public road section would enable cyclists and horse-riders, not just walkers & runners, to access the facilities and highway networks to the east in Flacks' Green, Gamble's Green & the village of Terling itself. A connection along the edge of solar farm field PDA7 is inside the order limits and is on land parcel 9/1A where rights are to be acquired permanently. The impression gained is that Longfield Solar are now minded to treat ELAF's request for improved WCH connectivity favourably.

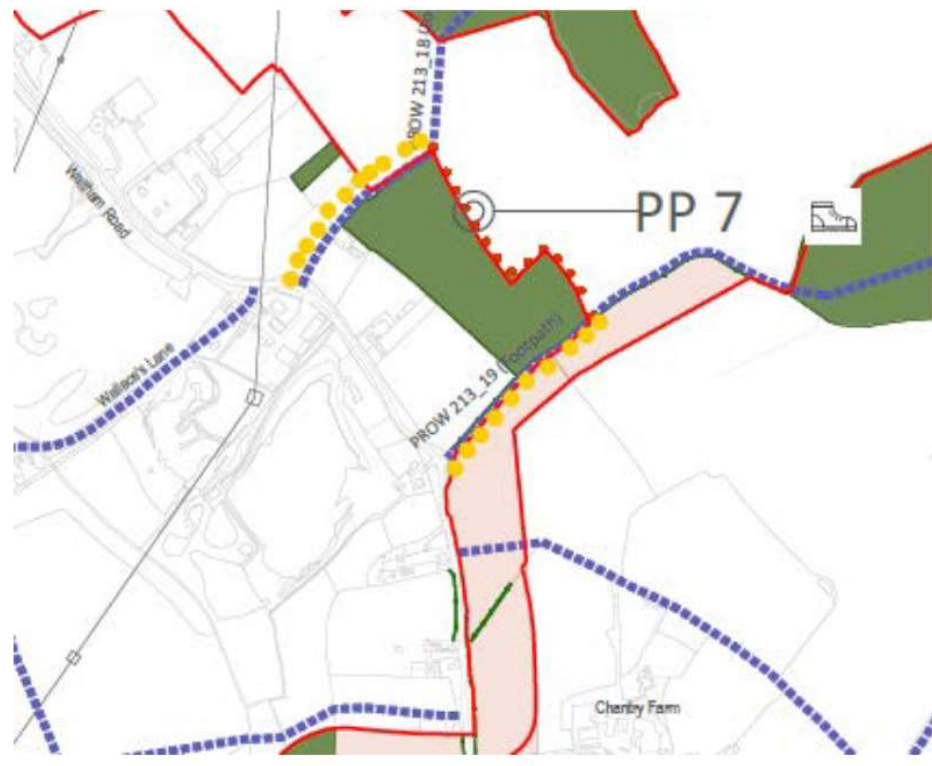
- 3) In ELAF's deadline 4 representation (REP4-043), in keeping with NPPF 100, ELAF requested that a connection could be made at the southern end of the permissive route. One option proposed was along the cable route. The applicant's representation REP5-018 included the following Figure 2 and the associated comment:

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Figure 2: southern end

Figure 2 – Approximate alignment of additional permissive path at the southern extent of the Order Limits, suggested by ELAF



Applicant comment included..

The yellow route aligned with PROW 213_19 shows the approximate alignment of the additional path suggested by ELAF. However this is constrained by existing hedgerows and its location within Work Number 4, identified only for works associated with the Grid Connection.

At the accompanied site visit on 6 December, Mrs Katherine Evans, ELAF Chairman and representatives from Longfield Solar were able to consider & discuss ELAF's request on the ground for a connection along the cable route to Waltham Road. The applicant advised that whilst most of the land of the cable route would revert to farmland once the cable laying works had taken place, there would be about a 5 metre width above the cableway itself that could not be ploughed, etc. The cableway land can be accessed through the slightly gappy hedge at the southern end of the north-south permissive route / greenway. The cable route passes through (blue coloured) land parcels 3/4 & 2/1E & 2/6 where rights are to be acquired permanently. A 5metre wide WCH permissive route west to Waltham Road and then south on the east side of Waltham Road, inside the order limits, would provide a safe off-road connection to the PROWs on either side of Waltham Road and to Chantry Lane, a public road which is unfortunately currently severed at its southern end by the A12. The impression gained is that Longfield Solar are now minded to treat ELAF's request for improved WCH connectivity along the cableway favourably.

It would be even better if the permissive route was extended all the way west along the cableway to The Grove with the adjacent Boreham bridleway 48 [PROW 213_48].

4) At present I have not been able to connect up successfully with a representative(s) from Longfield Solar, but on behalf of ELAF, I hope that this will happen in the near future.

Mrs Katherine Evans
Chairman – Essex Local Access Forum
15 December 2022