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Thank you for your reply 7.2.23

I still do not understand why there is a need for this bridge. We have lived without that right of way for decades. People do not try to cross the A12. If it is really so important, build it as an underpass so there is no visible impact on local residents and the vegetation can be replanted.

It is incorrect to say that a similar level of vegetation would be destroyed whether the footbridge runs from Gershwin Blvd or behind Halfacres. If it goes from Gershwin then it just goes over the trees by the A12 whereas if you route it from Halfacres & Olivers Drive, it cuts through the A12 tree screen but it also cuts through the small woodland that divides the end of Olivers Dr from Gershwin Blvd. At the moment that amenity space is enclosed but that is lost as soon as you cut through the vegetation.

Further, the houses in Halfacres & Olivers Dr would be much closer to the bridge if it is routed that way than the houses the other side of the balancing pond would be if it runs from Gershwin Blvd. In addition to which Gershwin is an estate spine road and a much more suitable location than right in front of (Olivers) & behind (Halfacres) houses so surely the appropriate choice is off the spine road.

Routing from Gershwin makes more sense from a roads perspective, direct impact on residents & the level of destruction of vegetation

Please advise how applications under the Land Compensation Act 1973 are to be submitted.