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> Comments on the Greenway plan - South Epping
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> Dear Sir,
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> I would like to make the following comments after viewing the proposals in the Greenway plan:-
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> A. A footpath/cycle route to and from Epping Town and South Epping.
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> 1. A pedestrian and cycle route to and from Epping Town and Bell Common would offer many advantages to those living on the Common and the many visitors to the area. Your proposed route, however, falls short of the Common. Over the years, a footpath has developed across the land by pedestrians but can only be negotiated for a few months of the year as the ground soon becomes saturated and extremely muddy, especially at the pond. The alternative routes from Bell Common offer no Essex CC Highways' footpaths for residents and visitors. On reaching the High Road, the extremely busy road has to be crossed without a crossing and then a very narrow footpath has to be negotiated as it passes Creeds Farm. Unfortunately, for these reasons many people have no choice but to use their cars.
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> The City of London, Epping Forest, own the Common. Is there a possibility of the Council working with Epping Forest to improve the footpath over the Common to make it useable all year round ?
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> 2. A direct route for pedestrians and cyclists to and from the Town and the proposed estate at Ivy Chimneys would be via Hemnall Street to the first section of the Common and turning left before Hemnall House and completing the journey via rear of the primary school/recreation ground at Ivy Chimneys.
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> Again, this would need negotiations with Epping Forest.
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> B. A new road to accommodate the extra traffic at the Ivy Chimneys new housing estate.
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> I fail to see where such a new road could be developed in the very limited land available. Have you any suggestions ?
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> Julie Morgan, on behalf of the site promoters and developers, Barwood Land, and Catherine Bruce, on behalf of Savills planning advisors, said, at the meeting at Ivy Chimneys School, 18 June, that a comprehensive traffic study would be carried out by the Highways to resolve this issue.
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> I would appreciate your comments on my queries and concerns.
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> Thank you.
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> Yours sincerely,
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> Margaret Jones. ([REDACTED]).
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