

Planning
Investment and Regeneration Service
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RE: Application 2018/91661 Land at Walkley Terrace and Brunswick Street, Heckmondwike

Sustrans have the following comments to make. These do not supersede our comments made in January 2018 but should be seen as additional. Please note that Railway Paths Ltd owners of the adjacent land will be writing to you separately.

Cycle path (or lack thereof)

- The cycle route that was discussed previously running along the southern edge of the development is not shown or mentioned anywhere.
- The drawings show a green dotted line labelled 'potential route for links to Urban Greenways, to be provided by others...'. These just link to either end of the main road through the housing estate and looks very steep at the west end and link to steps at the east. This is not acceptable.
- The cross sections do indicate a level area along the southern boundary, where we thought the path was to go, though this now appears to be part of gardens.

Drainage Strategy

- Flood risk section (para 2.5) refers to surface water flood risk, ponding upstream of Brunswick Street; and water flowing through the site from NW to SE during storms. Raising site levels would therefore 'dam' water on this land. The land and structures 'upstream' of Brunswick Street (including the bridge carrying Brunswick Street) are owned by our sister charity Railway Paths Limited and this land is earmarked for linking the existing Spen Ringway to Spen Greenway at Walkley Lane. We cannot agree to any proposal that would potentially damage or degrade our land or structures.
- The current proposal is to connect into a culvert to discharge surface water from the development. The calculations only mention runoff from the proposed development site not anything from neighbouring sites that are upstream.
- Paul Farndale at Kirklees MBC has told the developers about the drain on our land on the Spen Valley Greenway at the junction with the Walkley Lane access and main Greenway path. This has been mentioned as a potential outfall if the culvert under the development site cannot be connected to. This pipe used to overflow and a new pipe was installed by Sustrans in 2016. We

have no knowledge where this flows from and there is the potential that if connected for surface water drainage from the site it would start flooding again. The pipe we installed was 110mm diameter and discharges to a small beck that leads on to the River Spen.

Please contact me if you have any further queries.

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