



I have a few concerns regarding this application.

A - Firstly, the site compound is shown on the plan by the access to the Greenway from Laithe Hall Avenue. This will be an issue for the following reasons:

1) Where will the people working on the Greenway be parking? There is limited parking on Laithe Hall Avenue which is already taken by residents and visitors surely the alternative proposed compound at Oakenshaw would be better, this is not near residential property.

2) The noise from having the site compound so close to residential housing has not been taken into account. I work from home, my office looks over the access to the Greenway, I am concerned that the noise will affect my work and the ability to hold video meetings online.

B - The bollards are to be replaced with lockable bollards which will be set wider apart than the existing. Why? The current spacing is fine for access whether walking, jogging, cycling, in a wheelchair, pushing a pram, on a scooter, on an electric bike, etc. Widening this gap will allow access to non legitimate modes of transport such as motorbikes/quads. As the police report shows, there is already a problem with anti-social behaviour on the Greenway therefore access routes should not be widened to allow more of this. Motorbikes are often running up and down the Greenway with two or three people on the back of them. If a genuine cyclist can't negotiate the bollards, surely they can dismount and push the bike through.

C - The police report mentions the need for lighting on the Greenway. I agree with this, it would make it a safer space and in turn encourage more people to use it. This is more important than widening paths especially during the autumn and winter months when the nights are longer.

D - As a final point and more general point, please provide clear signage and bins that are emptied often for dog walkers. Unfortunately, a few dog walkers don't appear to understand that they need to pick up their dog's poo and put the bag in the bin. Clear signage should state that this should be done and fines should be issued if not. If you are trying to make the Greenway more accessible for all types of users then this is incredibly important; people pushing prams, cyclists, joggers, walkers, etc don't want their tyres/footwear covered in dog poo (I am commenting as a dog owner).