

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 14/10/2021

Mortimer to Burghfield Cycleway and Footpath

Agenda item 21/070 10: To receive an update and RESOLVE to approve the recommendations of the Working Party.

The pre-app report for this was finally received this week (some 6 weeks later than due). It is favourable in that it states the project is acceptable in principle and supported by various development plan policies.

Not quite so positive is the fact that the important Highways section concentrates solely on a possible route on the western side of the road (a project which WBC investigated some years ago) and says nothing about the eastern side of the road route which we asked them to comment on. Our project managers, Ridge & Co, have, after a meeting on 7th Oct with the Working Group, been instructed to go back to WBC and ask for this missing part of the Pre-app report to be provided as part of this Stage 1 application.

At the same meeting it was agreed to tackle the two landowners (Mr Gardiner and Mowbray Estate) who have not been keen to confirm their agreement in principle in writing. It is planned for a letter to be drafted to go from SMPC, explaining simply how the project impinges their land and a request at this stage for them to undertake in writing not to object to the application and to agree in principle to granting a wayleave at the appropriate time (at no cost to themselves).