

New access route at Funtley Hill

The proposed M27 Junction 10 works will, in time, change the existing access arrangements for the small number of residential properties off Kneller Court Lane. In order to prepare for this, Buckland Development Ltd (Buckland) recently submitted a planning application to Fareham Borough Council (FBC) for a new, nothrough access route for these residents.

Traffic and Safety

The route has been designed as a driveway for a small number of residential properties. It will be a single-track road with passing places. It is not a through route to future Welborne traffic nor is it intended to take any heavy goods vehicles for Welborne.

The access point on Funtley Hill has been carefully selected to provide maximum visibility and stopping sight distance for a 30mph road. The proposed access position has been submitted to Hampshire County Council (HCC) Highways and approved, in principle, subject to planning consent from FBC.

Public Footpath

The existing public right of way will remain and continue to provide pedestrian access eastwards from Funtley Hill through to the A32. An alternative right of way will eventually be needed as part of the proposed motorway works.

The area adjacent to the proposed driveway has been allocated as Semi Natural Green Space (SANG) in the Welborne Plan and so will continue to be maintained as greenspace and reserved for wider formal access in future years.

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Environment

An Ecological Impact Assessment and Tree Survey have been completed along the proposed alignment. These are available via the FBC planning portal (ref. P/20/0007/FP). The route of the driveway and any planned works have been designed to protect mature trees and minimise disturbance to hedgerow wildlife.

Significant planting has been completed in the area within the last 12 months and is protected by fencing. This new vegetation will take time to establish and mature to create a more varied landscape in time.

Next Steps

Public consultation is currently underway by FBC, and a planning committee date will be set in due course.

Subject to the outcome of the FBC planning committee meeting, Buckland anticipates that initial preparatory work on the access route could take place during the Spring/Summer 2020. However, the route is unlikely to be opened for the residents' use until the M27 Junction 10 works are underway.

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