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Andrew Collinson  
Case Officer  
North Warwickshire Borough Council  
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Dear Mr Collinson,

**COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATION PAP/2021/0663**

Thank you for consulting Ramblers Warwickshire Area on planning application PAP/2021/0663 for outline planning permission for development of land within Use Class B2 (general industry), Use Class B8 (storage and distribution) and Use Class E(g)(iii) (light industrial), and ancillary infrastructure and associated works, development of overnight lorry parking facility and ancillary infrastructure and associated works; at land on the west side of Dordon Road, Polesworth. Details of access submitted for approval in full, all other matters reserved.

As is shown on the **Illustrative Site Masterplan**, Public Bridleway AE45 runs within the site and would require a slight diversion to take it out of the proposed parking area on the east side of the site. This would necessitate North Warwickshire Borough Council making a legal Order under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 section 257 to divert Bridleway AE45 onto the proposed alignment in order to permit development.

Providing that the diverted public bridleway AE45 connected with public footpath AE55 on the opposite side of the A5 via the footways and signal controlled crossing shown on the **Proposed Site Access Layout** (Drg No F19123/07 Rev A), Ramblers Warwickshire Area would raise no objection to the Order.

We would also welcome the proposed new public right of way connecting public footpath AE46 with Dordon to the east of the site as shown in Fig 3 in the **Framework Travel Plan**.

We would ask that Public Bridleway AE45 through the site be kept open for public use during development and that any necessary stoppages be kept to a minimum.

While we note that the site does does fall within the Local Plan Meaningful Gap (Strategic Gap) between Polesworth/Dordon and Tamworth, overall we think the better local pedestrian and cycle access that the proposal provides would be of benefit for both people working at the site as well as leisure uses of the surrounding PROW network.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Bird  
Footpath and Countryside Secretary  
Ramblers Warwickshire Area