

**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND
BETWEEN
THE COUNCILS
&
THE BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY (58136),
THE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM FOR
WEST SUSSEX (59773) &
RUSPER BRIDLEWAY ASSOCIATION
(58283)**

ISSUE 4

**Policy WB 15 – Green Linkages
Paragraphs 3.11, 3.17 & 3.19**

**WEST OF BEWBUSH JOINT AREA ACTION PLAN
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

JANUARY 2009

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared by Horsham District and Crawley Borough Councils (the Councils), the British Horse Society (BHS, respondent 58136), the Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex (CAFWS, respondent 59773) and the Rusper Bridleway Association (RBA, respondent 58283) following ongoing discussions. The Statement addresses the issues raised through representations at the submission stage of the JAAP.

2 What the Parties agree

¶ 3.11

- 2.1 All parties agree that the link from the new neighbourhood to Sullivan Drive in Bewbush is appropriate and that it will provide suitable access for pedestrian, equestrian, cyclist, bus and emergency vehicle users. This agreed position has resulted in the withdrawal of the objections made against paragraph 3.11 by BHS, CAFWS and RBA (Wbsub 93, Wbsub 120 and Wbsub 181 respectively).

¶ 3.17 & 3.19

- 2.2 All parties agree that the inclusion of equestrians in the list of users in both of these paragraphs is appropriate. It is agreed that the wording in both paragraphs should read pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians, public transport and emergency vehicles (as set out in the proposed changes to the JAAP section of the Councils' Examination Statement for Issue 4)

¶ 4.34 & 4.35 and Policy WB15 – Green Linkages

- 2.3 All parties agree that discussions over whether the green linkages as outlined on the Conceptual Masterplan could be added to the definitive map as dedicated bridleways, should be undertaken in partnership with the developers and the Rights of Way section at West Sussex County Council (as the relevant statutory authority).

3 Where the Parties disagree

¶ 3.17 & 3.19 and Policy WB15 – Green Linkages

- 3.1 The parties disagree over the location of a bridge crossing over the railway.
- 3.2 The Councils have set out in the submission JAAP what they consider to be the most appropriate crossing point, which is at the location of the proposed station.
- 3.3 The BHS, CAFWS and RBA believe that a bridge crossing should be located on the existing bridleway route, to replace the existing 'at grade' crossing of the railway.