

Appendix 1

North East Chichester Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document – Countryside Access Forum for West Sussex Response

The Forum would like to endorse the District Council's approach and are pleased to see reference in the Vision for this part of Chichester to developing a good network for walkers and cyclists to gain access to the town centre, Centurion Way and the wider countryside.

Again, we are glad to see the commitment to multi-use routes in the Design Principles section. We particularly support the approach in 12.9-11 and believe the idea of providing a new link to the east to link into Stocks Lane bridleway is important to achieve. The size of the cumulative increase in population will lead to a significant increase in demand for recreational access to the countryside - people will be drawn to these areas by the proximity to the Downs. Good circuits for dog walking will be needed as well as safe access from the sites. Mention should also be made of the existing paths that service this part of Chichester - especially those linking Summersdale to Lavant: these will be subject to greatly increased use and will need to be upgraded.

It is good to see that most of the mature trees will be retained and we would recommend that they are associated with the non motorised traffic routes through the areas. Pleasant unenclosed paths will attract more use and will provide green links with the surrounding countryside.