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Subject: EC3210SM - SMD/2024/0032 - Land School Lane, Longsdon - proposal for 40m x 25m sand and fibre all weather outdoor arena - Rights of Way
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Dear Rachel,

Rights of Way

The Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Staffordshire shows a public right of way adjacent to the application site. From the information submitted it would appear not to be directly impacted by the proposals.

The following should be brought to the attention of the applicant and noted in the planning consent if granted:

Public Footpath No. 11 Longsdon Parish runs adjacent to the application site, across the south west corner of the applicant's field.

The granting of planning permission does not constitute authority for any interference with the public right of way and associated items - or its obstruction (temporary or permanent).

The term obstruction, in this context, also applies to items such as gates or stiles which are regarded as licenced obstructions which must be sanctioned by the highways authority.

NPPF 100. states that: Planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks including National Trails.

Users of the path must be able to exercise their public rights safely and at all times and the path be reinstated if any damage to the surface occurs as a result of the proposed development.

Staffordshire County Council has not received any application to add to or modify the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way in that vicinity.

The possibility of the existence of a currently unrecognised public right of way, makes it advisable that the applicant pursue further enquiries and seek legal advice regarding any visible route affecting the land, or the apparent exercise of a right of way by members of the public.

Kind Regards,

Julie Hall

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