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Hullo Kerri,

I wish to submit the following comments as a town councillor. I tried using the Portal, but that lacks any facility to upload a letter.

Comments by Haverhill Town Council's Planning Committee dated 11th June 2019 included:

"As a condition, or as part of any S106 Agreement, off-site highways improvements are required to create a continuous footway to at least Hollands Road. This provides safe pedestrian access to the site.

S106 funding for improvements to the Railway Walk section to the North of the site would also assist sustainable travel options."

After reviewing the existing provision on mapping and Google Street View, I don't think continuous footway on the SE side of Bumpstead Road from the development "to at least Hollands Road" is sufficient for pedestrians wanting to connect to and from E of the junction of Bumpstead Road with Sturmer Road. For safe access, they need surfaced footpath all the way to 15 Bumpstead Road, just S of Ashlea Close.

The only proposal from the applicant for a footpath is "Section 278 works to extend and link existing footpath (approx 50.0m)" adjacent to the N corner of the site. Although the existing mapping on <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk> shows this as surfaced footpath, it is a trampled track along a verge that is overgrown in places



and is obstructed by this brown sign just N of the Haverhill boundary sign



so that the trampled track, which is inevitably muddy when wet, is very close to the kerb.

The applicant's proposal is therefore very welcome, but it still leaves a lot to be done to protect pedestrians from hazard.

The following extract from mapping on <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk> shows the applicant's proposal as a blue line and missing surfaced footpath as three segments of red line:



The following sequence of screenshots from Google Street View, looking SSW, starts from the S and progresses backwards NNE, to make it easier to interpret the photos:

From outside Thistledown, 25 Bumpstead Road (ignore the bin number) looking towards the gable end of 35 Bumpstead Road:



From outside 23 Bumpstead Road:



From outside 19 Bumpstead Road:



From outside 15 Bumpstead Road:



Kind regards,

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