



**Ash Green Residents' Association**

Countryside Access,  
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**Surrey County Council (Ash Green Lane West (Right of Way No. 518, D80) and Spoil Lane (Right of Way No. 519, D74) In the Parishes of Ash, Normandy and Tongham) (Prohibition of Through Traffic) Amendment Order 2017**

Dear Sir,

We wish to object to the proposed amendment to the RTO covering BOAT 518, Ash Green Lane West.

We believe that any changes made to the current restrictions will have a negative impact on the local environment and community. In addition, changes made to the BOAT now will only facilitate future changes which may lead to the loss of a local, motor-free, bridle way and coalescence of Ash Green with Tongham into a wider urban area.

There is uncertainty around the ownership of the land and amendments to the BOAT will be SCC granting the land, which may be common land or which they may not own, to a developer to the detriment of local residents.

Historically, the BOAT is an unmade lane, very narrow for most of its length, widening only to approximately 3 meters and the proposed change will be completely out of character as the temporary road is already in excess of 5 meters wide and will be further altered to accommodate two-way traffic.

The remaining BOAT land is already suffering from the new road development in that it cannot deal with the surface run off and at the point where it meets the proposed new barrier is now under water and impassable.

The reasons for proposing this change are unsound, in that the council will be allowing access to land they do not appear to own, and impractical as no clear statement has been made over the adoption of the finished road, should this proposal be passed.

The design of the new road is solely for the provision of motor vehicle access to the new estate and disregards the needs and views of local residents, which is contrary to prevailing guidelines.

We reserve the right to amend our objections,

Yours Faithfully

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