



## Datchworth Parish Council Briefing Note

<p>Agenda item heading</p> <p>Planning: Coltsfoot lane - Easement matters - update</p>	<p>Date</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024</p> <hr/> <p>Committee/ Working Group</p> <p>Coltsfoot Lane Easement</p>
<p>Why</p> <p>To update Full Council regarding the present position.</p>	
<p>How (including Time and Money)</p> <p>Full Council approved the formation of a Working Group at its September, 2023 meeting. The Group comprises two Councillors together with two co-opted local residents with relevant experience/expertise.</p> <p>The Working Group has in accordance with the authorization given by Full Council, been in discussion with the land owner regarding matters surrounding potential easement.</p>	
<p>When</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Further information and evidence was recently supplied to the Working Group by the landowner. This has been carefully considered. The Working Group has also considered some further historical information. A response has recent been sent to the landowner maintaining the Council's position as set out in the draft Heads of Terms document approved by full council last November.</li><li>2. At the time of preparing this briefing note no formal response has been received to the Draft Heads of Terms. An update will be provided at the meeting.</li><li>3. With regard to the three remaining 'conditions precedent' agreed by the Council as part of the Heads of Terms: i) The planning condition regarding access has yet to be discharged by the local planning authority. The latest planning application relating to various conditions including access, was recently withdrawn; ii) No confirmation has been received that matters concerning protected trees (TPO) have been resolved by the landowner. However, some cutting back of trees has taken place by persons unknown; iii) No further information has been received from the landowner as to whether DEFRA has commented on the need for Commons Land Consent.</li></ol>	