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Dear [REDACTED]

I have noted the details of this application , FP10 St Micheal Rural is within the application site along the eastern boundary .

Whilst this path has no recorded width in the Definitive Statement of Public Rights of Way in Hertfordshire the Countryside & Rights of Way Service of the County Council would assert the common law presumption that the width extends between the existing fence line as currently set out on site by the landowner .

Further to my colleagues comments on landscape character (attached below) I would seek that the path is reconstructed in accordance with the attached Non Motorised Routes design guide using a granular surface material with a grassy margin .

If the proposal is allowed I would also ask that the path is retained open and unobstructed during the construction phase .

Regards



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Definitive Statement of Public Rights of Way in Hertfordshire

St Michael Rural
St Albans

Map
Ref(s)

010

FP

HCC 67

Commences from Ragged Hall Lane thence N for approx. 40 yards thence E for approx. 33 yards thence NE past Westfield Farm to Parish boundary to join FP41 (St Albans).

Width
Limitations

Comments from HCC on Landscape

The retention of Public Right of Way (St Michael Rural 010) within the development is supported in principle. However there is concern for the potentially poor character and amenity of this route which appears as a typical highways pavement. It is advised that the opportunity for a segregated or more distinct 'green corridor' should be explored, to include pedestrian priority crossing of any highways.

Applicants Drawing

Plans - block - Site Layout - 28/02/2025 [Download PDF](#)



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