

PL/19/1312/FA | The erection of 2m high galvanised steel palisade fencing around the car park perimeter and new gates at entrance. | Taplow Weir Mill Lane Taplow Buckinghamshire

The Hitcham and Taplow Society objects to this application

The Society has been in existence for some sixty years. It has a main objective to ensure that all development within the district is of the highest standard and preserves the quality of the environment. It represents a significant proportion of the residents of Taplow.

Section 3 of the Design and Access Statement is misleadingly titled Community Support. You should be aware that no such support exists for the closure of the park to the public. We also consider that the intention to close the car park to the public is counter to statements made previously by the EA.

At the time of the development of the Mill Lane site by Berkeley Homes, the original placement of the bollards that closed Mill Lane to motor traffic was on the bridge itself. At a meeting between Berkeley Homes, the EA and members of a working group of local interests it was agreed to move the bollards further down Mill Lane so that access to the car park was from the top end of Mill Lane. This was precisely to ensure access by the public to the car park to encourage walking along the Jubilee and the EA representative agreed with this.

We have no objection to the erection of the fencing itself but object to the installation of the gates with the clear intention of them being normally locked shut. We are quite happy that the EA closes the park when needed for maintenance access and bans overnight parking to avoid misuse.

The Jubilee River is a major amenity for Taplow and all measures should be taken to ensure public access is as easy as possible.

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