

Tewin Parish Council

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Provision of Footpath between Godfries Close and Upper Green 10th March 2014

This letter from TPC is intended to give some background information that is not made clear in the Hertfordshire Highways documents, recently distributed to local residents.

For some time the Parish Council has been working to improve the access for pedestrians walking between the village and Upper Green.

TPC also became aware that Taylor Wimpey were paying Section 106 contributions in respect of their site at Sevenacres. This money often disappears into a central pot, but TPC successfully campaigned to have some of it spent on this new footpath. The construction however becomes a project designed and run by Hertfordshire Highways.

The project is conceived as a rural path set into the roadside verges rather than an urban roadside pavement. It does however involve the removal of a number of trees, the most significant of which is the large multi-trunked ash opposite Tewin Hill. Our current understanding is that some new trees will be planted as part of this project.

The bench on Maypond Green needs replacing. It will be removed as part of this project and TPC will install a new bench after the path has been laid.

It is unfortunate that Hertfordshire Highways refers to this as a footpath “to the new housing development” when the main objective has always been to provide a footpath to Upper Green. Hertfordshire Highways is only going as far as Sevenacres, because Taylor Wimpey is responsible for the final section in front of their show house and the two adjacent properties.

Hertfordshire Highways has been talking about this public consultation for some time. It is unfortunate that it now seems to be all of a rush. Please take the opportunity to comment on the plans. It would be useful if your comments were also copied to Tewin Parish Council.

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