

## Local Access Forum

This outline application proposes the building of 59 homes on the site of the former Allen's Rough Community School and Centre off Hilton Road , Willenhall.

It would appear that there has been some influence from the ROW Team at the pre-application stage in that there seems to be general agreement that the following changes be adopted for the development:

1/. That the boundary line to the north-east of the site be extended to incorporate NDA 151, (Sherringham Drive to The Community School), so that a green pedestrian link can be formed from the existing footpath and avoid the footpath falling into a 'no-man's-land' where it would be more susceptible to anti social behaviour. However, the original line of the path may be altered somewhat to cater for a sewer line beneath it. Suitable lighting, etc will be considered in the detailed application

2/. The boundary line to the south-west of the site will be reduced so that the wooded area known as Allen's Rough can be retained as an open space and create an opportunity to improve biodiversity in the area following some improvements. The boundary conditions between the new estate and Allen's Rough will also need to be determined.

On the whole this looks like a potentially good development, especially as issues surrounding access, biodiversity, etc have been addressed at an early stage and hence should be in everyone's mind as the detailed planning is brought forward.

Kind Regards,

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Walsall Group of the Ramblers, (on behalf of the Local Access Forum).