

Sefton Local Plan Hearing 10th December 2015

Hoggs Hill Lane – Bellway Homes Development

1. The matter of accessibility to the previously consented scheme at Hoggs Hill Lane, by Bellway Homes NW Ltd (Planning reference S/2013/0584), was raised at the Examination in Public. Specifically the question asked related to the improvements to the public footpath leading from the site.
2. I can confirm that Bellway Homes Ltd has paid £75,000 towards accessibility improvements via a s106 T&CPA 1990 legal agreement and specifically to improve access to the level crossing from the site and on the opposite side of the level crossing, continuing to the junction with the national cycle route network NCN810.
3. The improvements consist of surface treatment and minor widening works on the west side of the railway line.
4. The design of the works has been programmed for April 2016 with implementation of the improvements in August 2016.
5. The gating of Hoggs Hill Lane is being undertaken by Bellway Homes as part of their planning consent with keys provided to those with vehicular rights. Pedestrian access is unhindered.
6. Network Rail have confirmed that they will monitor the usage of the level crossing and intend to install new signs, straighten the route across the crossing and provide better lighting as soon as possible (Network Rail spokesperson in Article within the Champion Newspaper 25 November 2015)

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