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Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion in relation to the Grafham to Cambridge Pipeline Scheme

The Ramblers Association Cambridge Group is primarily concerned with the impact during construction of the pipeline on Public Rights of Way. In the South Cambridgeshire area there will be an impact on a number of PROWs:

Parish		PROW reference
Offord Cluny & Offord D'Arcy	Bridleway	282/10
Graveley	Footpath	107/2
Papworth St Agnes	Footpath	181/1
Hilton	Footpath	125/6
Elsworth	Bridleway	73/1
Conington	Footpath	53/3
Boxworth	Bridleway	27/1
Lolworth	Bridleway	150/1
Lolworth	Byway	150/2
Lolworth	Footpath	150/4
Dry Drayton	Footpath	66/3
Dry Drayton	Bridleway	66/18
Dry Drayton	Footpath	66/17

Any closure of a PROW even on a temporary basis will impact on walkers. In Cambridgeshire there are around 83 organised walks each week with anywhere between 10 and 30 participants. It is important that any closures are kept to a minimum of time. What are the likely minimum and maximum closure periods likely to be? Where ever possible temporary diversions of paths should be used in the interim. Surfaces should be reinstated in as good condition as the original and any landscaping restored to be in keeping with the original.

The Cambridge Group and Huntingdon Group of the Ramblers Association would like to be involved in the PROW Management Plan and would like to be kept informed of any periods of planned closures well in advance as walks are publicised at least three months in advance.

Kind regards

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