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To all Planning Committee attendees I would like to make the following points for you to consider. As this new development will greatly increase the traffic on local roads the developer and South Cambs District Council has a duty of care to all local residents. I believe that to fulfil this commitment the council should establish a bridleway to run alongside the present proposed footpaths and cycle ways designed to surround the development (similar to Cambourne) for the following reasons:

1. Horse and human safety – the more that horses and riders are able to avoid traffic the better for the horses, riders and car drivers, not to mention the ambulance and health services. Any enquiry will reveal some serious cases of human injury – most often to the rider.
2. To utilise and enhance the existing footpath/bridleway system. At present you can ride/walk (and I think cycle) from Coton through Hardwick, Highfields, Bourn, Cambourne, Caxton and further.
3. A Highfields connection would enable horses from Childerley to access off-road riding and there are some excellent horses/riders over there – up to international level.
4. Horses do provide employment opportunities (often overlooked). My son made a life as a professional jockey and is still fully employed with horse work. A friend's daughter (local) is in horse therapy and Newmarket (the horse centre of the UK) provides job training and opportunities. Giving youngsters the opportunity to have a background in horses is very beneficial and should be encouraged in this rural area and does help the horse "families" in the villages, which is particularly beneficial for younger people.
5. South Cambs is developing intensely and rapidly. Bridleways do help to retain the South Cambs "feel".
6. The present national situation has illustrated how important physical activity and recreation are for physical and mental health. Horse riding is excellent for this.

I trust that the above issues will cause you to include bridleway facilities in the new development.

Many thanks

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