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Shortlands Farm, Guildford Road, Ash,
Guildford, GU12 6DF

*Countryside Access
Whitebeam Lodge
Merrow Depot
Merrow Lane
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GU4 7BQ*

19th December 2025

Thank you for advising us of the above planning application, which affects Footpath 356 Normandy

This response is made on behalf of Surrey County Council Countryside Access Team. The views expressed should be considered only as the response of the County Council in respect of public rights of way and countryside access matters relating to the application.

We have no objections to the above planning application.

However, may we draw the applicants' attention to our following requirements: -

- Safe public access must be maintained at all times and no access should be made via the Footpath at any time.
- Should the applicant feel they are unable to ensure public safety while work is underway, a temporary closure may be necessary. A minimum of 3 weeks' notice must be given and there is a charge. Please contact the Countryside Access Officer if this is required
- Any down pipes or soakaways associated with the development should either discharge into a drainage system or away from the surface of the right of way.
- There are to be no obstructions on the public right of way at any time, this is to include vehicles, plant, scaffolding or the temporary storage of materials and/or chemicals.
- Vehicles using the right of way to access their properties must leave and enter the right of way in a forward gear.
- Any alteration to, or replacement of, the existing boundary with the public right of way, or erection of new fence lines, must be done in consultation with the Countryside Access Officer. Please give at least 3 weeks notice.
- Contractor's vehicles, plant or deliveries may only access along a right of way if the applicant can prove that they have a vehicular right. Surrey County Councils' Rights of Way Group will expect the applicant to make good any damage caused to the surface of the right of way connected to the development.

If the applicant is unsure of the correct line and width of the right of way, Countryside Access will mark out the route on the ground. Applicants are reminded that the granting of planning permission does not authorise obstructing or interfering in any way with a public right of way. This can only be done with the prior permission of the Highway Authority (Surrey County Council, Countryside Access Group).

**For any response or discussion regarding this matter please contact
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Kind regards

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