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Subject: RE: (BROM37) Site of former Bromham Social Centre New Road, Bromham, Wilts : Consultation - PL/2023/10811

Hi Jonathan,

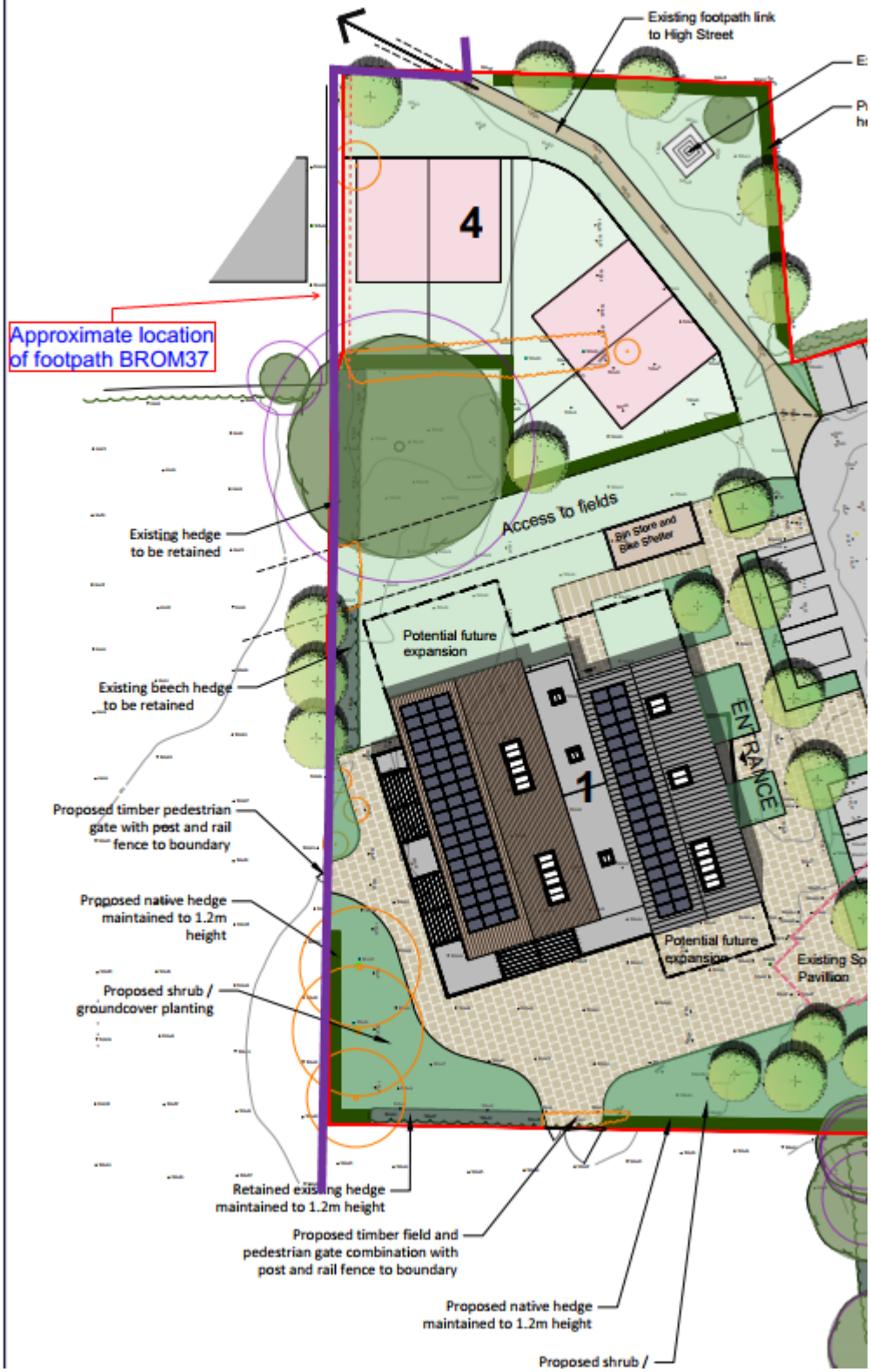
I would like to object to the application based on the effect on the footpath, BROM37 which abuts the north and west boundary of the site. It is shown approximately in purple on the extract from the landscape concept plan. Fig 1 below.

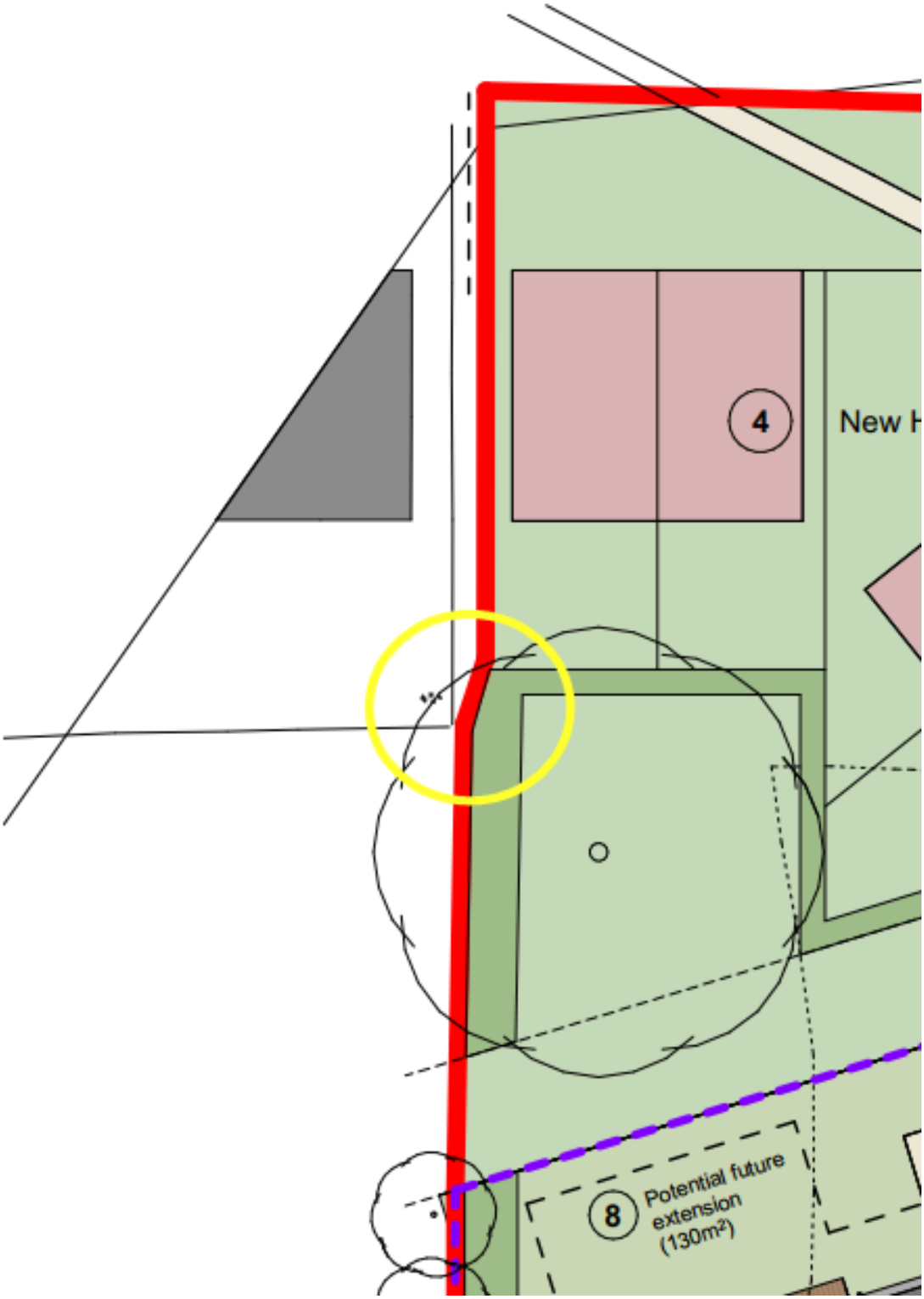
BROM37 runs along part of the northern site boundary along an enclosed path adjacent to the existing play area. It then turns south along the western boundary of the site following an enclosed section of path adjacent to the play area before entering the field. It runs through the field adjacent to the hedge. The applicant states that the footpath is outside of the boundary of the site and will be unaffected by the proposals. Proposed developments should enhance and protect existing public rights of way. Our policy is to avoid creating narrow enclosed footpaths and to make improvements to existing enclosed paths by widening them and improving surfacing where possible. One of the proposed houses is located within 1 to 1.5 metres of the edge of the footpath. This will make the path darker and feel more enclosed. At the rear boundary of the proposed new property the red line site boundary kinks outwards and there is a section of the path here which looks narrower on the plan (circled yellow in Fig 2 below). I have not visited the site so I don't know if this exists as an issue on the ground. There are also proposed specimen trees located next to the existing hedge adjacent to the proposed community hub building which look like they will obstruct the footpath.

I would like the applicant to provide additional information and to make improvements to the footpath. They should provide a photographic survey of the existing footpath BROM37 where it abuts the site. I would like to see the enclosed section of BROM37 widened to a minimum of 2 metres where it abuts the north and western boundary of the site adjacent to one of the proposed new properties. The widened section should be surfaced to match the rest of the path. Any fencing alongside the path in this location should be a maximum of 1.2 metres high. Any hedges encroaching onto the width of the path should be cut back and the specimen trees should be moved to ensure they are not creating an obstruction.

Fig 1. Approx location of BROM37.

Fig 2. Location of possible narrowing of footpath.


Existing footpath link to High Street
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Approximate location of footpath BROM37
Access to fields
Bin Store and Bike Shelter
Existing hedge to be retained
Potential future expansion
Existing beech hedge to be retained
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ENTRANCE
Proposed timber pedestrian gate with post and rail fence to boundary
Proposed native hedge maintained to 1.2m height
Potential future expansion
Existing Sp
Pavilion
Proposed shrub / groundcover planting
Retained existing hedge maintained to 1.2m height
Proposed timber field and pedestrian gate combination with post and rail fence to boundary
Proposed native hedge maintained to 1.2m height
Proposed shrub /



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