



To Teignbridge District Council:
planning@teignbridge.gov.uk

20/00923/FUL – Land at South West Exeter, Off Trood Lane, Matford, Devon. Construction of car park.

11th June 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Exeter Cycling Campaign is writing with regards to the above application for the construction of a carpark off Trood Lane, Matford, Devon.

It is acknowledged that the SANGS / country park is likely to be accessed by residents in the area and by those living further afield and therefore to mitigate against parking on the neighboring estate, provision for car parking has been proposed.

There are however a number of comments that the Exeter Cycling Campaign would like to be considered as part of this application. These have been listed below:

1. The location of the carpark is at the far end of Trood Lane. This lane is currently heavily used by walkers and horse riders and is a lovely peaceful route. It is likely that once the new development is in place, this lane will still be used as such; possibly in addition to those choosing to cycle. With this in mind, having the car park at the far end of the lane means that vehicular traffic is required to travel the full length of the lane. Consideration should be given to relocating this car park at the A379 end of Trood Lane to reduce traffic on the lane.
2. The carpark has been designed with 17 car parking spaces, but no provision for cycle parking for visitors. This is not in line with the current government drive to increase the uptake of active transport. In the diagram parking spaces 15, 16 & 17 should be converted into high quality secure cycle parking, reducing vehicular parking spaces to 14. Consideration could also be given to adding a hire car and or rentable electric bicycles (shared mobility) in this location due to the proximity with the new housing estate.

3. Bollards at the entrance to the SANGS should be designed to allow access for those cycling including non-standard cycles and those using mobility scooters and wheelchairs.
4. There is a lovely walking route from the proposed carpark to the village of Little Silver. This path could be resurfaced, widened and the gradient could be made even along its length to allow bicycles and wheelchairs to access the village.

Kind regards,

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