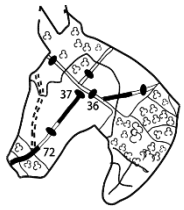
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Essex Bridleways Association (EBA) welcomes the significant progress made since submission of its Regulation 19 representation. The Association considers that the Local Plan now provides substantially improved recognition of bridleway connectivity, multi-user routes and equestrian access requirements within strategic growth locations.

EBA supports the principle that new development should contribute towards infrastructure that promotes sustainable movement, healthy lifestyles and access to the countryside. In particular, the incorporation of multi-user routes and wider PRoW connections within strategic site planning is welcomed.

The Association's principal remaining interest relates to **implementation and delivery** rather than policy wording. EBA encourages the continued focus on ensuring that proposed route networks are delivered in a timely manner, are connected to the wider rights of way network beyond site boundaries, and are secured through appropriate infrastructure planning and delivery mechanisms.

Subject to effective implementation, EBA considers that its previous concerns regarding the recognition of bridleway and equestrian interests have been largely addressed.

EBA does not seek any further Main Modifications in relation to these matters.