



Sandbach Footpath Group

Aiming to protect, improve, extend and make accessible the network of footpaths in and around Sandbach.

Chairman

22nd Dec 2024

**To:
Cheshire East Planning Dept.**

Bloor 24/4693/EIA

I write as chairman of Sandbach Footpath Group. We have over 600 members through email and over 6000 on Facebook.

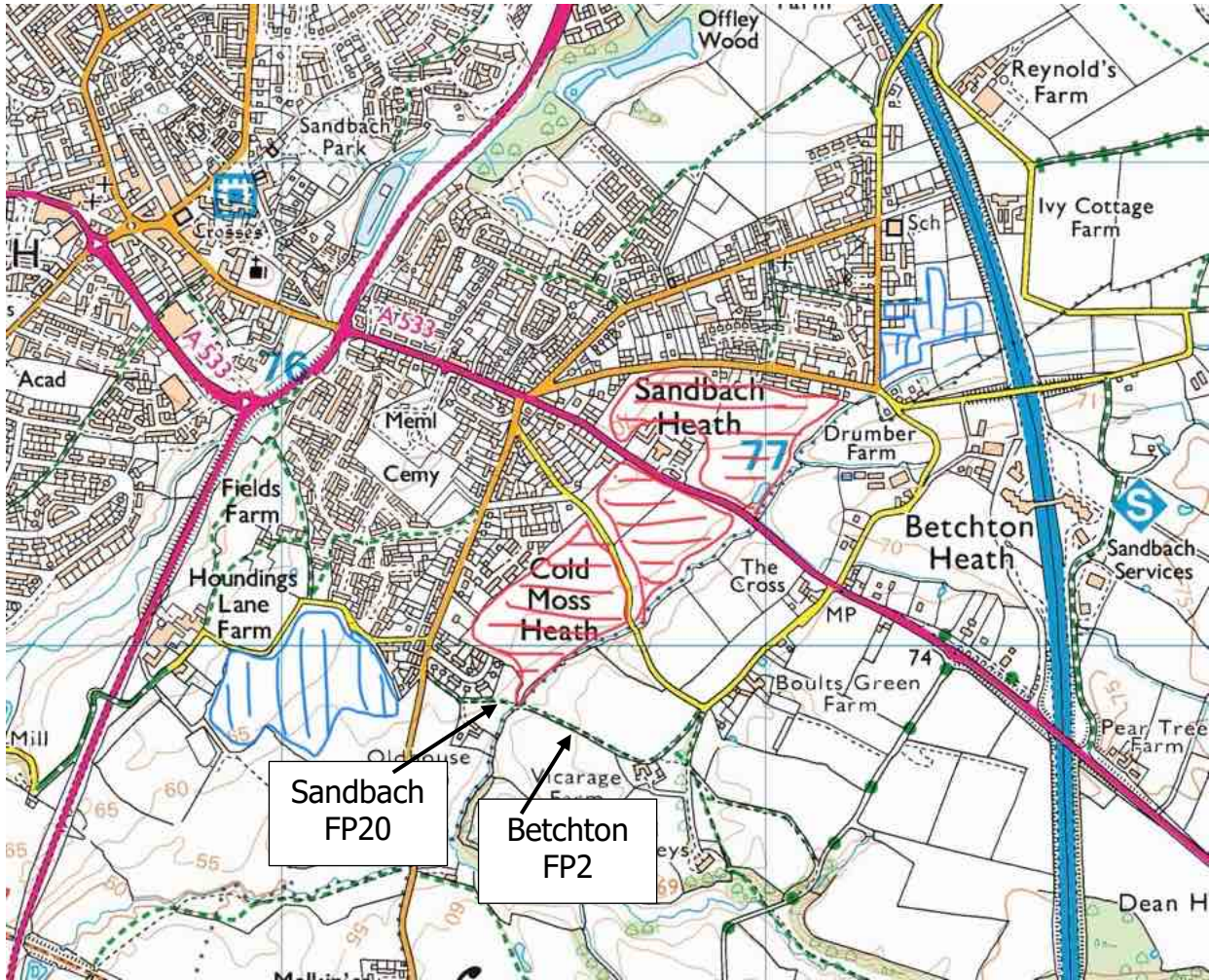
At the time of writing, the initial plans cover a large fragmented area of five sites. A few items ought to be clarified:

1. The areas shown outlined, two in blue and three in red are shown on the submitted "Location plan". The areas outlined in blue are stated as also owned by the Applicant, but the plans for housing (320 dwellings) do not appear to include those areas. For example, are the blue areas intended for more houses, or as parkland/open space?
2. The sites do not seem to adversely affect any public right of way footpath or bridleway. Please see the OS Map, showing the site areas marked up in colours corresponding to the outline colours in the submitted Location plan. However, the application, as it develops, should show new amenity footpaths connecting the site to other areas, for the benefit of both the new residents and for existing local residents.
3. The southern section outlined in red just touches a public right of way, Sandbach FP20 (near junction with Betchton FP2). It would be a great benefit if a connection could be made for access at that point and site footpaths provided for routes through to Colley Lane and Sandbach Heath.

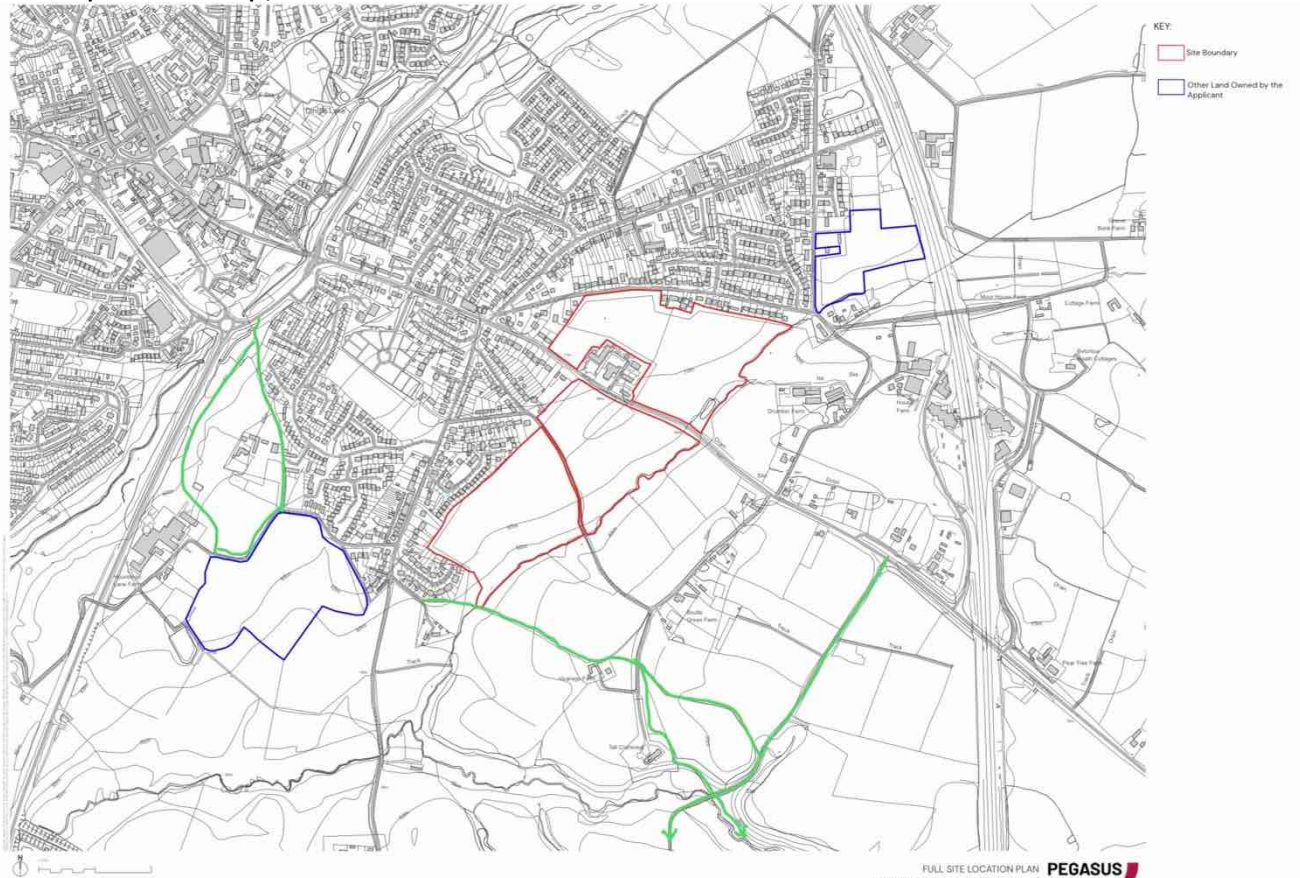
Many thanks for your consideration

Your faithfully,

Chairman, Sandbach Footpath Group.



OS Map marked up, based on the submitted Location Plan below.



Submitted Location Plan