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Dear Sir

Cycle Path Through Abbey Fields

I greatly approve of cycle tracks being set up to allow people to travel this way, and to take exercise.

BUT – expect consideration for walkers, toddlers, strollers and many individuals and families who find safety and calm in the Abbey Fields, and observation of Bye-Laws.

I do NOT approve of a cycle track if the route passes along the tarmac way to Swimming Pool, by the cafe and the toilets, round the corner where the platform permits children of all ages to feed the ducks. The area is the Hub of activities.

I believe any track through the Fields will have a negative effect on walkers, dog walkers and small children. Why? It will encourage cyclists, and child cyclists, to make use of all the paths – it is difficult to stop them at the moment anyway.

NB: the NO CYCLING notices on the paths at entry to Fields need reinforcement.

Only possible route I believe is round edge of the Fields. If track HAS to be IN fields it should enter **South** of the Stream near School Lane, keep to the line of the stream and cross the footpath from the memorial where wide open views allow all to see.

I have walked two generations of children and (almost) daily see many walkers and toddlers and families enjoying the open spaces and safety from cyclists.

Yours sincerely

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