I read with concern the proposals for the cuckoo trail north of the A271 and to Hellingly village. This part of the cuckoo trail has been recognised and listed as a biodiversity opportunity area. This area is being flagged for more cycle use and development to support such. There is even mention of unobtrusive lighting being put on the trail. Unobtrusive or not this is completely unsuitable for this area. The path is sufficient and only needs maintaining. Not a rebuild with lighting and certainly not widening as this will eat into the green space and disrupt creature habitats.

This is a peaceful green space adjacent to ancient woodland and fields to the west. In the recent survey 77% supported protecting the rural character of the Hellingly area. I believe this includes the cuckoo trail.

The area is already used a great deal already by walkers and dog walkers and cyclists. Please do not change this section of the cuckoo trail, it works well as it is.

Previous consultations have recognised the need for green recreation spaces. We lost our open green footpaths, nearby, to pavements with the recent Burfield Grange Bovis Housing estate. Please do not change the cuckoo trail north of the A271.