



Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council

22/01522/FTP | Application to divert a public right of way under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act | Land East Of Leckhampton Reservoir Leckhampton Hill Cheltenham Gloucestershire

We do not support moving the path as shown on the plans by the dotted blue line b to a. This is on grounds of safety. With this proposal the footpath emerges onto Leckhampton Hill where the view to the right looking up the hill is limited. This is significant given the speed of vehicles descending the steep hill. The road at this point is also wide and the situation further complicated by the proximity of the junction with Old Bath Road. Although the path would join the existing footway on Leckhampton Road, given the poor visibility it is considered unlikely that this egress would be chosen by walkers given the overall situation.

The current footpath is well used, as evidenced by the lack of vegetation growing on the path itself. It links at the tramway end with a stile leading onto a route used by walkers running alongside the old reservoir and a second one going up the hill. At the Leckhampton Road end the current footpath emerges onto the road at a point where visibility is good in both directions. It is also at a point that links up with walkers heading to Undercliff Avenue with access to Leckhampton Hill. There has been no accident in recent history involving pedestrians crossing at this point.

In summary, and as stated previously, LwWHPC have no objection in principle to rerouting the path. However LwWHPC notes that the point of egress of the path on to Leckhampton Road as now positioned allows much better pedestrian visibility and a shorter route for road crossing than the location suggested by the developers and hence could be considered safer.

Therefore if the new build requires the path to be rerouted LwWHPC suggests a preferable solution would be to retain its current emergence on to Leckhampton Road but instead rerouting the footpath to skirt around the south (uphill) side of plot 2. LwWHPC also requests if the access point on to Leckhampton Road is to be relocated no decision should be taken without a formal site visit by officers in view of the safety implications.

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