

Avenbury Parish Council

Good morning,

Thank you for your email, I have circulated it to our Councillors as our next PC meeting isn't until 21st. I can confirm that they have no issues with your proposal and information as presented. Presumably the planning department will also notify us of the proposal at some point too.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Avenbury Parish Clerk

Byways and Bridleways Trust

Thank you for your notice.

Due to the number of notices received, we will not necessarily respond.

If you specifically need a reply, please contact BBT@bywaysandbridlewaystrust.org.uk.

Malvern Hills District Footpath Society

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the site meeting today and for discussing further your proposed diversion. As I explained, my main concern is a loss of mid-distant views to your very attractive farm house. We are happy to now support most of your proposed diversion but felt that the views from your proposed diversion to the main farm house could and should be improved significantly.

As we discussed, our much preferred solution would be to retain the route of the southern end of the existing PROW for approx 100 metres, possibly in a fenced alleyway with the hedge to the east, before turning right through a gap in the hedge, if walking north, and then left to join your proposed diversion. Not only would this provide very good mid-distant views of the house but it would also remove the need to renovate the current private footbridge and any future maintenance of that footbridge by the County which, under your original proposal, would be on the legal route.

An alternative but somewhat less attractive and acceptable solution would be to retain all of your proposed diversion but significantly reduce the height of the hedge (or replace it with a fence) for the southern 100 metres so that PROW users had good views to the house over a lower hedge or a new fence. However we are not sure how the hedge height could be guaranteed in the future, especially if you were no longer the landowner.

We hope the above helps and that you now feel able to submit an amended proposal to Herefordshire

Yours sincerely

W M Everitt

RoW Secretary

MHDFS

From: Mike Everitt

Sent: 22 November 2019 15:00

To: Peter

Cc: Susan White <Susan.white@balfourbeatty.com>

Subject: Pre-Order Consultation - Avenbury AV4

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 21st November 2019 in respect of a pre-order consultation for the diversion of part of footpath Avenbury AV4.

We have walked this path several times over the years including, in 2018, part of a way marked unofficial diversion to the south east of the farm. Our opinion then was that that diversion was considerably less attractive and interesting for recreational users as one lost views to the very impressive black and white farm house. However we do appreciate that the legal footpath route could be considered to be intrusive to the privacy, but not exceptionally so at its location, of the farm house occupants. This loss was certainly not compensated for by the long distance rural views from the unofficial diversion as those views are typical of the other views from much of this footpath.

You also cite a couple of other reasons to justify the proposed diversion. Perhaps you could expand further. Firstly you advise the footpath has become unsafe but do not say how. Most footpath safety issues, eg broken furniture, surface collapse, wire obstructions, are amenable to resolution by either the landowner or the Local Authority. Secondly you refer to 'narrow areas with no escape routes used by large machines' Our recollection of the legal route is that it only briefly passes through standard farm gates and a farm yard like area, both of which are common issues managed by recreational walkers. Finally the proposed diversion of the northern section does not seem to be associated with the justifications offered unless the wooded area is the proposed home for the rare breed pigs.

If you would like to expand on the information provided The Malvern Hills District Footpath Society will consider this pre-order consultation further. However, on the information provided to date, The Malvern Hills District Footpath Society may object to a Made Order.

Yours sincerely

W M Everitt

RoW Secretary

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Ramblers Association



Herefordshire Area

Hereford Group

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08/01/2020

Dear [REDACTED]

**Pre-Order Consultation
Highways Act 1980, Section 119.
Proposed Public Path Diversion Order AV4 (Part) in the Parish of Avenbury**

Many thanks for your letter of 21 November which has been sent to me to respond to on behalf of the Ramblers' Association.

Having visited the site and looked at both the existing and the proposed routes I'm minded not to object to this proposed diversion subject to a few minor details.

Starting at the northern end where the fence still exists I would like to see a gap at this point but if stock control is an issue then a self closing gate to BS5709/2006 would be required. Part way along there is a field gate through which one has to pass, is there a possibility of erecting a pedestrian gate close to this as I found the gate slightly awkward to open? The last point I would make would be to question the condition of the existing footbridge where the new route will re-join the existing route at the southern end.

As this section of footpath is used by the Herefordshire Trail and Walks Around Bromyard it will be necessary to prominently display notices detailing the alterations to the route for sometime to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
**John Wride
Footpath Secretary for the Hereford Group of the Herefordshire Ramblers'.**

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