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20th March 2020

Mr A D Westoby

Dear Mr Westoby

Pre-Order Consultation – Footpath Felton FL7 & Preston Wynne PW8A

Thank you for your letter dated 5th February 2020 about legally diverting footpath Felton FL7 & Preston Wynne PW8A, as shown on your drawing. The Malvern Hills District Footpath Society is most unlikely to object to a Made Order to achieve this diversion for either option you describe.

We would also comment following our site visit today:

- a. Some furniture, ie a pedestrian gate, kissing gate or stile in or near the copse to the east of your farm on FL7 would be needed in order to provide access from the new route to rejoin the old route for your preferred option.
- b. The diverted footpath would need good and extra way marking as recreational users are, for many years, likely to be using maps and route descriptions that will show the original route.
- c. If possible some short surface improvements in the field to the south of your farm where the existing brook seemed to be trying to create an even more southerly alternative route in this very wet period. I have in mind something quite simple such as a short section of hard core or a few flat stepping stones or possibly a slightly raised earth bank along the existing brook

Yours sincerely

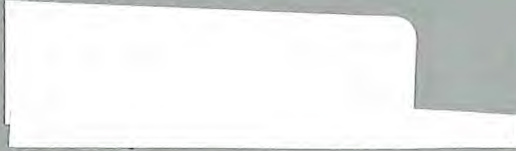
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Dear Mr Westoby

Pre-Order Consultation

Highways Act 1980, Section 119.

Proposed Public Path Diversion Order Footpath FL7 (Part) in the Parish of Felton and Footpath PW8A (Part) in the Parish of Preston Wynne

Many thanks for the curtesy extended to us on Thursday when we visited Hinton Farm to evaluate the proposed footpath diversion.

I am minded not to object to the proposal if these three points can be addressed, I enclosed a marked up map of the new route and at Point A I found the ground very wet. I fully appreciate that we are currently experiencing high rainfall levels which may have exacerbated the problem but in more normal circumstances I would hope that this bogyness would be non existant.

At Point B there is a farm bridge over the small stream and I would expect the new route to cross this bridge without the need for a separate predestrian bridge. Again the same would apply at Point C with the use of the existing bridge.

Any new footpath furniture would need to be to BS5709:2006 and comply with the Equalities Acts. I would also request that signage detailing the new route are placed at each end of the Diversion and maintained for the appropriate time.

Yours Faithfully



John Wride

Footpath Secretary for the Hereford Group of the Ramblers' Association



From: clerk@oclepychardgroup-pc.gov.uk
Sent: 19 February 2020 12:27
To: Arthur Westoby
Subject: Re: Proposed footpath alteration

Hi Arthur

Following their meeting last night, the Parish Council had no comment to make upon your footpath alteration. They will wait for the formal notification from Herefordshire Council before submitting a comment.

Kind regards

Emma Thomas
Clerk to OPGPC

Quoting Arthur Westoby

> Dear Emma,
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> I need to send documentation, regarding the above proposed footpath
> alteration, to the clerk of the Felton Parish Council which I
> understand to be yourself.
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> Would you like me to send via email or post a hard copy. If the
> latter, would you please provide me with an address.
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> Kind regards
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> Arthur Westoby
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