

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 16 JULY 2010

### Question from Mr P McKay

- 7 *Legislation provides that legitimate limitations and conditions, such as structures across paths and ways, i.e., gates and stiles, be recorded on the definitive map written statements, with procedures for correcting errors and omissions, so I am somewhat concerned when enquiring why gates and gaps have been replaced with stiles (or other structures such as kissing gates and narrow pedestrian gates) to be told that they are suitable for the status of the route, a reply that ignores a) whether or not they are legitimate, b) ignores the disability discrimination act, and c) ignores the fact that the status of the route is without prejudice to higher rights over it, refer Council web page. So may I ask in this time of cutbacks, with structures of questionable legitimacy having been installed, and Council's accounts having previously been endorsed by auditor due to unlawful expenditure on structures such as these, just which section of Highway Act gives you the power to restrict the highway in this way, and if expenditure on maintenance, other than removal of the structure, could be curtailed to those structures that may be verified by audit to be legitimate, my objecting to my money being used to hinder access to the countryside?*