
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 September 2021 11:23
To: Objections, Legal Issue (Strategic Services, Solicitors - Solihull MBC)
Cc: Highway Services (Places Directorate - Solihull MBC)
Subject: Public Footpath Diversion Order SL20A (part), Arden Academy, Knowle

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To David Kearney, Traffic Manager - Highways Department,
Economy and Infrastructure Directorate,
Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, B91 3QB.

Email from [REDACTED] Milverton Road, Knowle, B93 0HX.

Wednesday 1st September 2021.

Public Footpath diversion - Arden Academy, Knowle.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the details of the Order to change the route of this public footpath. I wish to object to the timing of this change.

The Order fails to identify a date when the new route is to be fit for purpose. Without objections, It allows the closure of the existing footpath on 2nd September 2021. As it stands, the Order has insufficient conditions to prevent this issue being kicked indefinitely into the long grass. As of today, 1st September 2021, there are no visible preparations.

Whilst I accept that there are costs involved creating the new footpath, I believe it is my public duty to future generations that an indefinite hiatus by default should not be allowed to happen. A footpath has been there for much longer than the school. I believe a commitment should be placed in Part 3 of the Order on the school, or on a future landowner, to provide the new path on the same date as the closure.

A point of detail - the length of the new route in the Order is stated to be 131 metres. The scale plan shows it to be more like 160 metres.

I have been a resident in Milverton Road for 30 years, and value all the efforts made by the Council to protect and improve our shared environment. Thank you for the opportunity to make these points.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2021 18:04
To: Objections, Legal Issue (Strategic Services, Solicitors - Solihull MBC)
Subject: Diversion (part of) Public Footpath SL20A - Arden Academy, Knowle, Section 119 Highwats Act 1980

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to register my objection to the proposal above to divert the Arden School footpath.

My reasons are several:

- it is not at all clear to me why anyone considers these new works - which I am led to believe will cost well over £50,000 - to be the best use of public money, especially at a time when schools are crying out for extra funding to assist in things like additional tuition. The existing footpath is rarely used, is a relic of a time before the school existed, and should have been extinguished at the point that the school was built. I do understand that court orders have decided that the footpath must exist, so that comes to my next curiosity and objection
- my understanding is that current plans will result in the current Arden School site being razed to the ground and new residential - or other - buildings be constructed. So why spend money wrapping a footpath around a school that will not exist in a year or two? When the new housing plans are firmed up, a perfectly acceptable footpath/footway, can be built into the new estate's plans. And the school can then use the footpath monies for educational purposes
- In terms of my particular interests in this matter, I am a resident on Milverton Road, have no children currently at the School, and have no particular problem in principle with there being a footpath or not - I did use it occasionally when access through the school was permitted at weekends. I just don't believe it is an essential facility and would rather all spare educational or civil monies be allocated to post covid recoveries - and catch up funding for students.

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 September 2021 10:13

To: Highway Services (Places Directorate - Solihull MBC) <mailto:Environ2@solihull.gov.uk>

Subject: Diversion-Public Footpath SL20A- Arden Academy

Good Morning

I would like to comment on a few areas of concern regarding the re routing of this pathway.

1. As the new proposed path will have a dog leg it will become a prime site for anti social behaviour.
2. Rerouting the path close to residents boundaries also heightens the crime risk for residents.
3. The huge cost involved laying tarmac pathway, timber and railing fences and the ongoing maintenance costs!!!

As a resident of Milverton Road for over forty years, I am aware that anti sociable behaviour is ever increasing. People in general are less courteous.

We are fortunate to live in a community in Milverton Road that cares for each other the local and wider community and the environment.

Whilst on the environment note, I have appreciated being able to get in/ out of my drive and park outside my house whilst the footway has been closed, no pupil drop off/ pick up student/ staff parking and no exhaust fumes from engines running whilst drivers are waiting!

The extra steps to walk down Milverton and along Station Road (rather than the short cut through Arden pathway, has far more benefits than negatives.

In conclusion isn't closing the footpath the answer!!

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Milverton Road Resident

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