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Dyddiad/Date: Dydd Mawrth, 16 Awst 2022

#### IS BWYLLGOR HAWLIAU TRAMWY

Cynhelir Cyfarfod Is Bwyllgor Hawliau Tramwy O bell Trwy Timau Microsoft ar **Dydd Llun, 22 Awst 2022** am **10:00**.

#### **AGENDA**

- Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb
   Derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan Aelodau.
- 2. Datganiadau o fuddiant

Derbyn datganiadau o ddiddordeb personol a rhagfarnol (os o gwbl) gan Aelodau / Swyddogion yn unol â darpariaethau'r Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau a fabwysiadwyd gan y Cyngor o 1 Medi 2008

- Cymeradwyaeth Cofnodion
   I dderbyn am gymeradwyaeth y Cofnodion cyfarfod y 17/03/2022
- 4. Arfaethedig Dargyfeirio Llwybr Troed 16 a 17, Ynysawdre a Rhan Arfaethedig
  7 20
  Dileu Llwybr Troed 16, Ynysawdre a Dargyfeirio Llwybr Troed 12, 16 a 17
  Castell Newydd Uchaf Arfaethedig
- 5. <u>Bwriad i Ddargyfeirio Llwybr Troed 19, Llangrallo Isaf a Rhan Arfaethedig Dileu</u> 21 40 <u>Llwybr Troed 18, Llangrallo Isaf</u>
- 6. Materion Brys

I ystyried unrhyw eitemau o fusnes y, oherwydd amgylchiadau arbennig y cadeirydd o'r farn y dylid eu hystyried yn y cyfarfod fel mater o frys yn unol â Rhan 4 (pharagraff 4) o'r Rheolau Trefn y Cyngor yn y Cyfansoddiad.

Nodyn: Sylwch: Oherwydd rhesymau iechyd a diogelwch ni fydd y cyfarfod hwn yn cael ei gynnal yn ei leoliad arferol. Bydd hwn yn gyfarfod rhithwir a bydd Aelodau a Swyddogion yn mynychu o bell. Bydd y cyfarfod cael ei recordio i'w drosglwyddo drwy wefan y Cyngor. Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiwn am hyn, cysylltwch â cabinet\_committee@bridgend.gov.uk neu ffoniwch 01656 643147 / 643148.

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#### Dosbarthiad:

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#### **Gwahoddedigion:**

Leslie Meachin – Cerddwyr Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr Gordon Wheeler – Cymdeithas Ceffylau Prydain Stuart Bain – Cymdeithas Mannau Agored

## Agenda Item 3

#### IS BWYLLGOR HAWLIAU TRAMWY - DYDD IAU, 17 MAWRTH 2022

## COFNODION CYFARFOD Y IS BWYLLGOR HAWLIAU TRAMWY A GYNHALIWYD YN O BELL DRWY TIMAU MICROSOFT DYDD IAU, 17 MAWRTH 2022, AM 11:00

#### <u>Presennol</u>

Y Cynghorydd G Thomas - Cadeirydd

DK Edwards RM Granville JC Radcliffe

Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb

**CA Webster** 

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Jane Dessent Cyfreithiwr

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Kevin Mulcahy Rheolwr Grŵp - Gwasanaethau Priffyrdd Matthew Palmer Swyddog Hawliau Tramwy a Thir Mynediad

Andrew Rees Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd – Pwyllgorau

#### 14. DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB

Dim.

#### 15. CYMERADWYO'R COFNODION

<u>PENDERFYNWYD:</u> Cymeradwyo cofnodion cyfarfod yr Is-bwyllgor Hawliau

Tramwy 5 Hydref 2021 fel cofnod gwir a chywir.

#### 16. CYNNIG I DDARGYFEIRIO LLWYBR 12, PORTHCAWL

Gofynnodd y Rheolwr Hawliau Tramwy am awdurdodiad i wneud Gorchymyn yn unol ag Adran 257 (gwyriad) o Ddeddf Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref 1990, ar dir yn Moor Lane Porthcawl.

Dywedodd y byddai gweithredu caniatâd cynllunio P/16/497/FUL a P/17/554/RLX yn gofyn am ddargyfeirio rhan o Lwybr Troed 12, Porthcawl. Er mwyn gwneud ei ddargyfeirio yn bosibl, byddai angen dargyfeirio rhan ychwanegol o Lwybr Troed 12 Porthcawl, nad yw ym mherchnogaeth yr ymgeisydd, hefyd. Dywedodd wrth yr Isbwyllgor fod y cynllun a gyflwynwyd yn dangos cwrtil y caniatâd cynllunio, tra roedd y rhan o Lwybr Troed 12 Porthcawl o'r gwyriad arfaethedig yn cael ei ddangos rhwng Pwyntiau A-B ar y cynllun.

Dywedodd y Rheolwr Hawliau Tramwy fod y rhan o Lwybr Troed 12 sydd i gael ei gwyro, ar hyn o bryd, yn cychwyn ym Mhwynt A (Cyfeirnod Grid SS 81657916), fel y dangosir ar y cynllun yn Atodiad B, ac yn mynd ymlaen i gyfeiriad gogledd ddwyreiniol am tua 265 metr hyd at ei bwynt terfyn ym Mhwynt B (Cyf. Grid SS 81827936). Lled swyddogol y llwybr ar hyn o bryd yw 1.2 metr gyda wyneb naturiol llwybr troed. Dywedodd fod y llwybr presennol wedi'i rwystro gan wrych aeddfed ar bwynt tua 13 metr i'r gorllewin o Bwynt B (Cyf. Grid SS 81827936). Hysbysodd yr Is-bwyllgor am lwybr amgen arfaethedig Llwybr Troed 12, Porthcawl a dywedodd mai cyfanswm hyd y llwybr newydd yn fras fyddai 391 metr gyda lled o 5 metr (Pwyntiau A-C-D) ac 1.2 metr rhwng Pwyntiau D-E-B. Byddai'r arwyneb rhwng Pwyntiau A-C-D-E yn arwyneb naturiol a rhwng Pwyntiau E-B yn arwyneb craidd caled. Awgrymodd yr ymgeisydd y lled o 5 metr (Pwyntiau A-C-D) fel isafswm lled ar gyfer llain tirwedd/ecoleg o amgylch y safle

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datblygu yn unol â chais cynllunio P/16/497/FUL. Gosodir giât mochyn ym Mhwynt X (Cyfeirnod Grid SS 81817937).

Dywedodd y Rheolwr Hawliau Tramwy y nodwyd yn ystod y broses ymgynghori cyn y gorchymyn, er mwyn i'r gwyriad arfaethedig fod yn llwyddiannus, y byddai hyn yn gadael Llwybr Troed 12, Porthcawl fel llwybr ag anomaledd, sef bod yr aliniad diffiniol yn cael ei rwystro ar hyn o bryd gan wrych aeddfed. Gwnaed cais ysgrifenedig i asiant yr ymgeisydd yn gofyn a fyddai'n cytuno i gynnwys rhan ychwanegol o Lwybr Troed 12, Porthcawl, nad yw ym meddiant yr ymgeisydd, i ddatrys yr anghysondeb. Roedd yr asiant wedi cadarnhau bod y diwygiadau yn dderbyniol iddo, a derbyniwyd cadarnhad ysgrifenedig gan y tirfeddiannwr cyfagos, Clwb Golff y Grove, yn cytuno i wyro'r rhan vchwanegol o Lwybr Troed 12, Porthcawl, yn amodol ar farn ymgyngoreion eraill. Dywedodd na dderbyniwyd unrhyw wrthwynebiadau yn deillio o'r broses ymgynghori.

Dywedodd y Rheolwr Hawliau Tramwy, er mwyn hwyluso'r datblygiad ac amrywio amod 2 P/16/497/FUL yn ymwneud â deiliadaeth cabanau ar dir yn Moor Lane Porthcawl CF36 3EJ, y byddai angen dargyfeirio rhan o Lwybr Troed 12, Porthcawl. Amlinellodd Ganllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru sy'n berthnasol wrth wneud Gorchymyn, a'r ystyriaethau canlynol y dylid eu hystyried: buddiannau'r cyhoedd yn gyffredinol; effeithiau posibl y Gorchymyn ar rai aelodau o'r cyhoedd, megis meddianwyr eiddo sy'n agos i'r briffordd ac unrhyw golled ariannol bosibl i aelodau'r cyhoedd. Dywedodd y Rheolwr Hawliau Tramwy wrth yr Is-bwyllgor, o ran y tair ystyriaeth a amlinellwyd, fod y Cyngor yn gwybod y bydd y llwybr newydd 126 metr yn hwy na'r llwybr presennol. Yn y tymor hir bydd y gwyriad arfaethedig yn ei gwneud yn bosibl gwarchod y rhwydwaith Hawliau Tramwy rhag rhwystr er mwynhad y cyhoedd. Mae hefyd yn ei gwneud yn bosibl cofnodi'r rhwydwaith a'i gynnal a'i gadw'n gywir a bydd yn caniatáu i'r llwybr troed barhau fel llwybr cerdded di-dor oddi ar y ffordd i aelodau'r cyhoedd rhwng Moor Lane a'r A4229. Ystyrid bod y bwriad er budd y cyhoedd a gellir dweud i'r prawf gael ei fodloni. Nid oedd yn ymddangos y byddai unrhyw effeithiau ychwanegol i'r Gorchymyn ar unrhyw eiddo cyfagos. Nid yw'r Cyngor yn ymwybodol o unrhyw golled ariannol bosibl i aelodau'r cyhoedd. Y datblygwr fydd yn gyfrifol am unrhyw waith sydd ei angen i greu'r gwyriad a darparu'r llwybrau newydd.

Arddangosodd y Rheolwr Hawliau Tramwy ffotograffau a golygfeydd o'r safle o'r awyr er budd yr Is-bwyllgor.

Gofynnodd aelod o'r Is-bwyllgor beth oedd arwyddocâd gwyro'r llwybr troed o ganol y cae i'w ymyl. Dywedodd y Rheolwr Hawliau Tramwy wrth yr Is-bwyllgor fod y datblygwr yn adeiladu cabanau ac na fyddai modd cerdded i lawr canol y cae.

- PENDERFYNWYD: (1) Rhoi awdurdod i'r Prif Swyddog Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Rheoleiddiol, Adnoddau Dynol a Pholisi Corfforaethol wneud y Gorchymyn angenrheidiol i geisio dargyfeirio Llwybr Troed 12, Porthcawl fel y dangosir ar y cynllun yn Atodiad B i'r adroddiad, a chadarnhau'r Gorchymyn ar yr amod nad oes unrhyw wrthwynebiadau na sylwadau yn cael eu gwneud o fewn y cyfnod rhagnodedig, neu os caiff unrhyw rai a wneir felly eu tynnu'n ôl;
  - (2) Awdurdodi'r Prif Swyddog Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Rheoleiddiol, Adnoddau Dynol a Pholisi Corfforaethol i anfon y Gorchymyn(Gorchmynion) ymlaen at Lywodraeth Cymru i'w penderfynu, os na châi unrhyw wrthwynebiadau a dderbynnid eu tynnu'n ôl.
  - (3) Bod y Gorchymyn/Gorchmynion yn eithrio unrhyw ran o'r gwyriad, sy'n defnyddio priffyrdd a gynhelir gan Gyngor

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Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, gan fod hawliau cyhoeddus yn bodoli drostynt eisoes.

#### 17. MATERION BRYS

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Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 11:20



#### **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### REPORT TO RIGHTS OF WAY SUB COMMITTEE

#### 22 AUGUST 2022

#### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

# PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 16 AND 17, YNYSAWDRE AND PROPOSED PART EXTINGUISHMENT OF FOOTPATH 16, YNYSAWDRE AND PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 12, 16 AND 17 NEWCASTLE HIGHER

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request authorisation for the making of two Orders pursuant to Section 257 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, on land west of Maesteg Road, Tondu, CF32 9DF.
- 2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities
- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-
  - 1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
  - 2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient -** taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 The implementation of the following planning consents will require sections of Footpaths 16 and 17 Ynysawdre and Footpaths 12, 16 and 17 Newcastle Higher to be diverted as well as the part extinguishment of Footpath 16, Ynysawdre. They are:
  - P/16/366/OUT outline planning application for the development of 450 dwellings, 1000sq.m class B1 use, highway works, public open space, which received conditional consent (outline) on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
  - P/19/915/RES reserved matters applications to P/16/366/OUT for 405 residential units, link road and temporary car park, granted conditional consent (reserved matters) on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

- 3.2 The plan in **Appendix A** to the report shows the consent curtilage of the planning consent. The sections of footpaths which are proposed to be diverted are shown by solid black lines running between the following points on the plan in **Appendix B** to the report.
  - Footpath 17 Ynysawdre Points A-B
  - Footpath 16 Ynysawdre Points I-J
  - Footpath 12 Newcastle Higher Points M-N
  - Footpath 16 Newcastle Higher Points W-X
  - Footpath 17 Newcastle Higher Points I-A1-B1
- 3.3 The section of Footpath 16, Ynysawdre which is proposed to be extinguished is also shown by a solid black line running between Points C-A-H on the plan in **Appendix B** to the report.
- 3.4 This plan also shows the proposed alternative routes for the footpaths as dashed black lines running between the following points.
  - Footpath 17 Ynysawdre Points C-D-E-F-G
  - Footpath 16 Ynysawdre Points J-K-L
  - Footpath 12 Newcastle Higher Points O-P-Q-R-S-T-U-V-N
  - Footpath 16 Newcastle Higher Points W-Y-Z
  - Footpath 17 Newcastle Higher Points I-C1-D1-E1-F1-B1
- 3.5 An additional section of footpath is also being shown as part of the alternative route of Footpath 12 Newcastle Higher and this is shown by dashed black lines between Points P – G1. This is being created to link the main proposed alternative route for Footpath 12 Newcastle Higher with an estate road that is proposed to be constructed nearby.
- 3.6 The section of footpath to be created is shown as a dashed black line on the same plan running between Points P-G1.

#### 4. Current situation/proposal

## **Current Routes and Proposed Diversions, Proposed (Part) Extinguishment and Proposed Creation**

4.1 Currently Footpath 17, Ynysawdre, commences at Point A (Grid Reference SS 89028444), as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**, and proceeds in a generally north westerly direction for approximately 72 metres to link onto Derllwyn Road at Point B (Grid Reference SS 88988449). The footpath has a part natural and part tarmacadam surface. The approximate length of the footpath to be diverted is 72 metres with a width of 2 metres.

- 4.2 The proposed alternative route of Footpath 17, Ynysawdre, runs from Point C (Grid Reference SS 89088442) on the plan (**Appendix B**), and proceeds in a general westerly direction for approximately 56 metres to Point D (Grid Reference SS 89028442), it then continues in a north westerly direction for approximately 62 metres to Point E (Grid Reference SS 88988446). The route then proceeds in a general north north-easterly direction for approximately 47 metres to Point F (Grid Reference SS 89008450) before continuing in a north westerly direction for approximately 12 metres to its termination point on Derllwyn Road at Point G (Grid Reference SS 88998450). The approximate length of the new route is 177 metres with a width of 2 metres. The surface between Points C-D-E-F-G will be tarmacadam.
- 4.3 Currently Footpath 16, Ynysawdre, commences from the maintainable highway at Maesteg Road at Point I (Grid Reference SS 89298419), as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**, and proceeds in a general north westerly and north north-westerly direction for approximately 111 metres to Point J (Grid Reference SS 89218427). The approximate length of the footpath to be diverted is 111 metres with a width of 2 metres. The footpath has a part natural and part tarmacadam surface.
- 4.4 The proposed alternative route of Footpath 16, Ynysawdre, runs from Point J (Grid Reference SS 89218427) on the plan (**Appendix B**), and proceeds in a general south westerly direction for approximately 33 metres to Point K (Grid Reference SS 89198424) where it continues a general westerly direction for approximately 35 metres to its junction with the proposed diverted route of Footpath 17 Newcastle Higher at Point L (Grid Reference SS 89158424). The approximate length of the new route is 68 metres with a width of 2 metres. The surface between Points J-K-L will be tarmacadam.
- 4.5 Currently Footpath 12, Newcastle Higher, commences at Point M (Grid Reference SS 88728412), as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**, and proceeds in a general west south-westerly and westerly direction for approximately 454 metres to Point N (Grid Reference SS 88728412). The approximate length of the footpath to be diverted is 454 metres with a width 0.9 metres. The footpath has a natural surface.
- 4.6 The proposed alternative route of Footpath 12, Newcastle Higher, runs from Point O (Grid Reference SS 89058428) on the plan (Appendix B), and proceeds in a south westerly direction for approximately 88 metres to Point P (Grid Reference SS 89008421) where it turns and runs in a general west south westerly and south westerly direction for approximately 128 metres to Point Q (Grid Reference SS 88908414) before continuing in a north westerly direction for approximately 14 metres to Point R (Grid Reference SS 88898415), it then continues in a south westerly direction for approximately 17 metres to Point S (Grid Reference SS 88888414). The route then continues in a general north westerly direction for approximately 24 metres to Point T (Grid Reference SS 88868415), where it then proceeds in a general south westerly direction for approximately 41 metres to Point U (Grid Reference SS 88828413), it then proceeds in a general westerly direction for approximately 96 metres to Point V (Grid Reference SS 88738411), it then continues in a general northerly direction for approximately 20 metres to Point N (Grid Reference SS 88728412). The approximate length of the new route is 428 metres with a width of 2 metres. The surface between Points O-P-Q-R-S-T-U-V-N will be tarmacadam.

- 4.7 Currently Footpath 16, Newcastle Higher, commences from Point W (Grid Reference SS 88988391), as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**, and proceeds in a general westerly direction for approximately 121 metres to Point X (Grid Reference SS 88868389). The approximate length of the footpath to be diverted is 121 metres with a width 1.5 metres. The path has a natural surface.
- 4.8 The proposed alternative route of Footpath 16, Newcastle Higher, runs from Point W (Grid Reference SS 88988391) on the plan (**Appendix B**), and proceeds in a general southerly direction for approximately 66 metres to Point Y (Grid Reference SS 88998384) before continuing in a general westerly direction for approximately 187 metres to its termination point at Point Z (Grid Reference SS 88818382). The approximate length of the new route is 253 metres with a width of 2 metres. The surface between Points W-Y-Z will be a natural surface.
- 4.9 Currently Footpath 17, Newcastle Higher, commences from its junction with the maintainable highway known as Maesteg Road at Point I (Grid Reference SS 89298419), as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**, and proceeds in a general westerly direction for approximately 26 metres to Point A1 (Grid Reference SS 89278419), it then continues for approximately 514 metres in a general north westerly direction to Point B1 (Grid Reference SS 88798438). The approximate length of the footpath to be diverted is 537 metres with a width of 0.9 metres.
- 4.10 The proposed alternative route of Footpath 17, Newcastle Higher, runs from the maintainable highway known as Maesteg Road at Point I (Grid Reference SS 89298419) on the plan (**Appendix B**), and proceeds in a north north-westerly direction for approximately 34 metres to Point C1 (Grid Reference SS 89278422) before continuing in a south westerly direction for approximately 47 metres to Point D1 (Grid Reference SS 89238420), the route then continues in a general north westerly direction for approximately 381 metres to Point E1 (Grid Reference SS 88888435) before continuing in a general southerly direction for approximately 3 metres to Point F1 (Grid Reference SS 888888435) before proceeding in a general north westerly direction for approximately 101 metres to Point B1 (Grid Reference SS 88798438). The approximate length of the new route is 566 metres with a width of 2 metres. The surface between Points I-C1-D1-E1-F1-B1 will be tarmacadam.
- 4.11 The section of Footpath 16, Ynysawdre, to be extinguished commences from Point C (Grid Reference SS 89088442), as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**, and proceeds in a general westerly and north westerly direction for approximately 52 metres to Point A (Grid Reference SS 89028444) before continuing in a general west north-westerly direction for approximately 75 metres to its junction with Derllwyn Road at Point H (Grid Reference SS 88958445). The approximate length of the footpath to be extinguished is 127 metres with a width of 2 metres.
- 4.12 The additional section of footpath to be created commences at its junction with the proposed new route of Footpath 12, Newcastle Higher at Point P (Grid Reference SS 89008421), on the plan (**Appendix B**), and proceeds in a general south southwesterly direction for approximately 37 metres to its junction with the estate carriageway at Point G1 (Grid Reference SS 88998417). The approximate length of the new route is 110 metres with a width of 2 metres. The surface between Points P-G1 will be tarmacadam.

- 4.13 The diversion of the footpaths was originally discussed in February 2020 when the landowner and agent for the applicant sought advice from the Rights of Way Section for the possible diversion of the footpaths following comments made by the Rights of Way Section in regards to planning application P/16/366/OUT. As a result of those discussions the agent submitted a proposal for the diversion of the footpath.
- 4.14 During those discussions, the Rights of Way Section noted that if the proposed diversions were to be successful this would leave Footpath 16, Ynysawdre as a route with an anomaly. This anomaly relates to that section of Footpath 16, Ynysawdre which is currently obstructed by a building and compound between Point I and J as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**. At the time, Footpath 16, Ynysawdre was in the process of being registered as a public footpath having been the subject of an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order. The order had been made on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 but had not yet been confirmed. The order was subsequently confirmed on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- 4.15 Although the obstruction of the footpath is outside of the boundary of the development, the Rights of Way Section discussed with the applicant the possibility of including a small diversion of that section of the claimed footpath, at that time, as part of this application. The applicant then sought permission from the adjoining landowner in February and March 2021 asking to divert the claimed footpath onto their land. Subsequently, a phone call was received from the adjoining landowner on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 confirming that they had no objection to the proposal.
- 4.16 The application to divert those section of footpaths in Ynysawdre and Newcastle Higher, as well as the part extinguishment of Footpath 16, Ynsawdre was submitted on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The application was received as a result of further comments made by the Rights of Way Section in relation to planning application P/19/915/RES.
- 4.17 In accordance with the Rights of Way Sections standard consultation process for Public Path Orders the local County Borough Council members, Ynysawdre Community Council, Newcastle Higher Community Council, the British Horse Society, Bridgend Ramblers Association, other user groups and interested bodies, South Wales Police and public utilities were consulted on the proposal in March/April 2022. During the consultation process numerous representations were received in relation to the proposed diversion. These are outlined below.
- 4.18 Bridgend Ramblers No objection.
- 4.19 Wales & West Utilities No objection.
- 4.20 South Wales Police Design out Crime Officer No objection.
- 4.21 Ynysawdre Community Council No reply received.
- 4.22 Newcastle Higher Community Council No reply received.
- 4.23 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) No reply received.

- 4.24 In order to facilitate the reserved matters to P/16/336/OUT for 405 residential units, link road and temporary car park at land west of Maesteg Road, Tondu, CF32 9DF sections of the following footpaths will need to be diverted.
  - Footpath 16, Ynysawdre
  - Footpath 17, Ynysawdre
  - Footpath 12, Newcastle Higher
  - Footpath 16, Newcastle Higher
  - Footpath 17, Newcastle Higher
- 4.25 In addition, part of Footpath 16, Ynysawdre will need to be extinguished. A short section of path linking one of the estate roads with the proposed diversion of Footpath 12 Newcastle Higher will also be created
- 4.26 The Welsh Governments Guidance for Local Authorities on Public Rights of Way August 2016 states:

'Before making an Order the Council must be satisfied that it is necessary to do so in order to enable development to be carried out in accordance with planning permission that has been granted.'

As Members are aware, it should not be assumed that an Order should be made simply because planning permission has been granted.

'In determining whether an Order is 'necessary' the Council must examine the activities authorised by the planning permission to see whether they are, or are not, compatible with the retention of highway rights. An activity which would involve obstruction of a highway (for example, the erection of a structure across the line of a highway or introducing a use such as outdoor storage or long-term parking) would be incompatible with the highway and so make out a case of necessity.'

'Even where a case of necessity is made out, an authority still has discretion whether to make an Order or not. However, having concluded that the planning permission should be granted, there must be good reasons for deciding that an Order, which would permit implementation of that permission, should not be made.'

'In coming to a judgment as to whether to make an Order, the following should be taken into account:

- The interests of the general public.
- The potential effects of the Order on some members of the public, such as occupiers of property adjoining the highway.
- Any potential financial loss to members of the public.'
- 4.27 In regard to the three considerations outlined above Members are advised as follows:
  - The Council is aware that the overall length of the network in this area as a
    result of the proposed diversions, part extinguishment and proposed creation
    of the routes as indicated in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.12 of the report is
    approximately 175 metres more than what is currently shown on the Definitive
    Map and in the recent Definitive Map Modification Order. However, a large

proportion of the routes are currently unusable by members of the public due to the current nature of the site. In the long term the proposed diversions, part extinguishment and creation enables the Rights of Way network in this area to be enjoyed by the public and protected from obstruction. It also enables the network to be accurately recorded and maintained. For these reasons it is considered that the test that the proposal is in the interests of the public can be said to be satisfied.

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If the proposals are not implemented those footpaths would become obstructed and the Council would then have to take action to remove those obstructions. This would have significant resource implementations. As the applicant will be carrying out all works involved, this will mean that the routes will not become obstructed and the Council will not have to take any action.

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With agreed construction methods, as well as time frames, the diversion of footpaths to enable development to be implemented allows for an attractive and diverse economy that will encourage more people to use the route during their daily routine.

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Consultations were carried out with statutory consultees, local members and community councils to gather their views before the decision to make the order is made.

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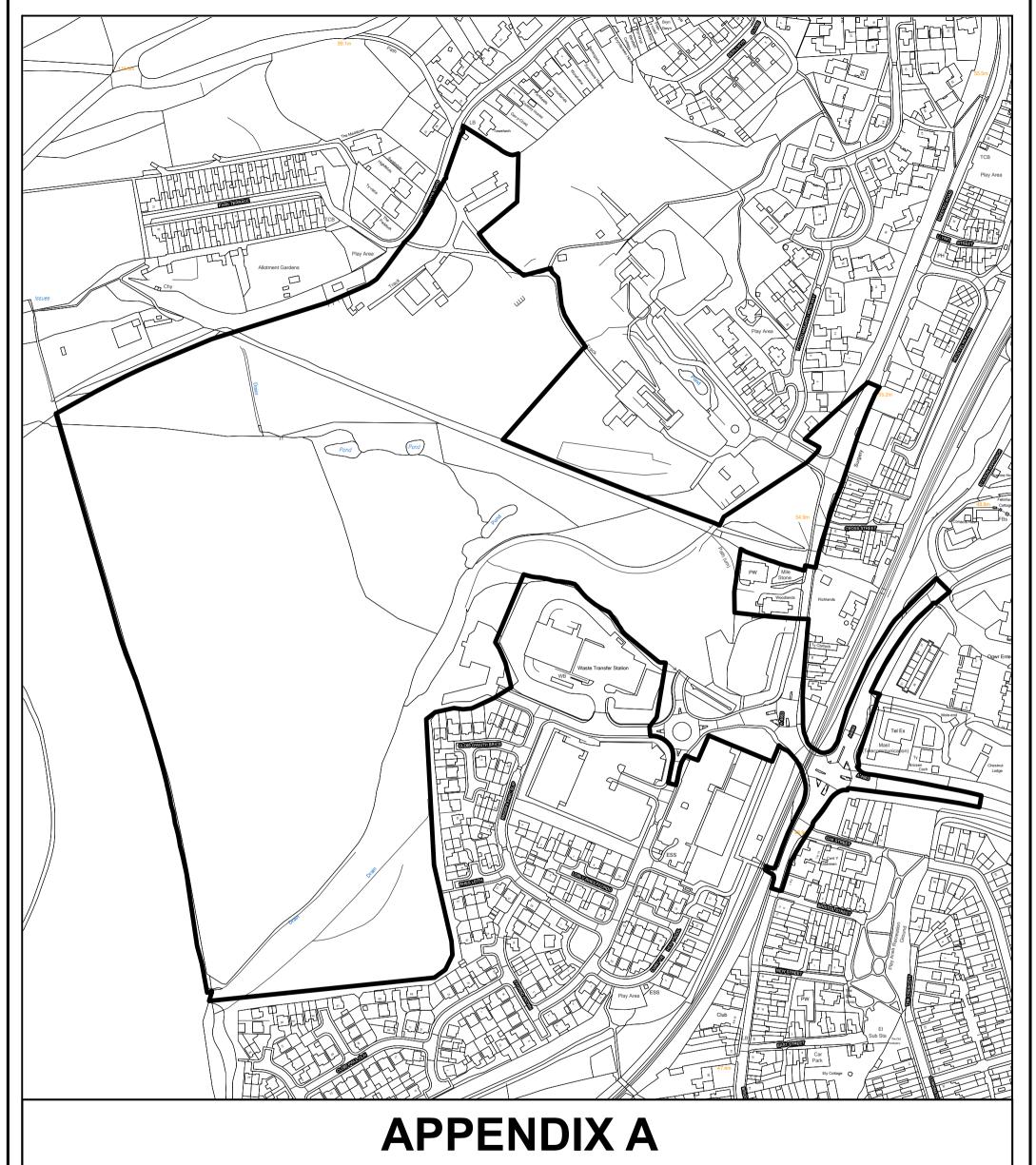
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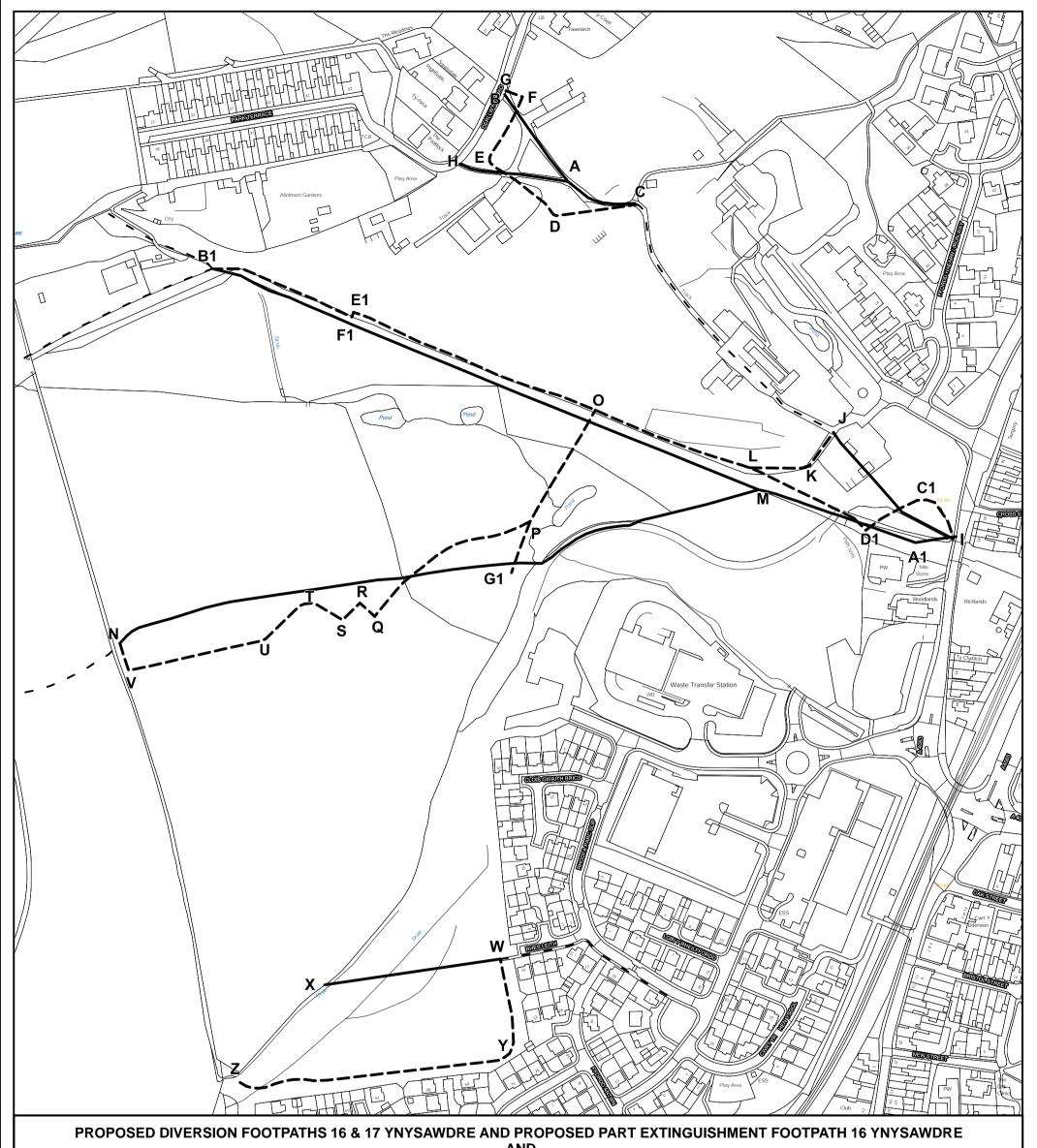


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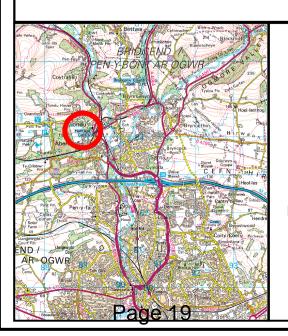
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### **AND** PROPOSED DIVERSION FOOTPATH 12, 16 & 17 NEWCASTLE HIGHER



#### <u>KEY</u>

Footpath 17 Ynysawdre to be diverted (A-B) Footpath 16 Ynysawdre to be Stopped Up (C-A-H) Footpath 16 Ynsawdre to be diverted (I-J) Footpath 12 Newcastle Higher to be diverted (M-N) Footpath 16 Newcastle Higher to be diverted (W-X) Footpath 17 Newcastle Higher to be diverted (I-A1-B1)

Proposed new route Footpath 17 Ynysawdre (C-D-E-F-G) Proposed new route Footpath 16 Ynysawdre (J-K-L) Proposed new route Footpath 12 Newcastle Higher (O-P-Q-R-S-T-U-V-N) Proposed new route Footpath 16 Newcastle Higher (W-Y-Z) Proposed new route Footpath 17 Newcastle Higher (I-C1-D1-E1-F1-B1) Proposed new footpath to be created (P-G1)

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#### **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### REPORT TO RIGHTS OF WAY SUB COMMITTEE

#### 22 AUGUST 2022

#### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

## PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 19, COYCHUCH LOWER AND PROPOSED PART EXTINGUISHMENT OF FOOTPATH 18, COYCHURCH LOWER

#### 1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek authorisation to revoke the original decision in regard to the proposed diversion of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower and proposed part extinguishment of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower made by the Rights of Way Sub-Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and to request authorisation for the making of two Orders pursuant to Section 257 (diversion) and Section 258 (Extinguishment) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, on land east of the A48 (Crack Hill), Brocastle, Bridgend, CF31 5AU.

#### 2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:-
  - 1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
  - 2. Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 The implementation of the following planning consents will require a section of Footpath 19, Coychurch Lower to be diverted. They are:
  - P/16/549/OUT outline planning application for the development of up to 71,441sq.m. of B1, B2 and B8 employment floor space, including access, car parking, diversion of public rights of way, site remediation, drainage, landscaping and associated engineering operations, which received conditional consent (outline) on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
  - P/17/1044/NMA non-material amendment to Conditions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24 of P/16/549/OUT to change the wording

- of the conditions, granted Non-Material Amendment conditional consent on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- P/18/492/RES reserved matters to P/16/549/OUT for approval of landscaping within the development site, granted conditional consent (reserved matters) on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at land east of the A48 (Crack Hill), Brocastle, Bridgend, CF31 5AU.
- P/20/269/RLX Variation of condition 1 of P/16/549/OUT to amend to illustrative masterplan and parameters, granted conditional consent (RLX) on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at land east of the A48 (Crack Hill), Brocastle, Bridgend, CF35 5AU.
- 3.2 To enable Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower to be diverted as proposed by the applicant it will also be necessary to extinguish a section of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower. This will maintain the integrity of the rights of way network by avoiding the creation of a cul-de-sac route. Additionally, the opportunity has also been taken during discussions with the applicant to create two link paths from Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower to link into an estate footway and an estate link path. The two new paths will be created either by Agreement or Order using the Council's separate powers under the Highways Act 1980. The plan in **Appendix A** to the report shows the consent curtilage of the planning consent. The section of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower which is proposed to be diverted is shown by solid black lines between Points A-B on the plan in **Appendix D** to the report. The section of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower which is proposed to be extinguished is shown by solid black lines between Points J-W on the plan in Appendix D to the report; and, for completeness, the two new links to be created are shown by dashed black lines between Points A-M-N-O-P-Q and R-S-T-U-V on the plan in **Appendix D** to the report.
- 3.3 This matter was previously reported to the Rights of Way Sub-Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021. On the basis of the information contained in the 2021 report authorisation was obtained for the making of the two orders as outlined in paragraph 1.1 above. At that time the proposed alternative routes for Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower were shown as per the dashed black lines between Points A-C-D-E-F-G-H-I & J-K-L on the plan in **Appendix B.**
- 3.4 Prior to making the Orders authorised by the Sub-Committee the Council's Rights of Way section were made aware that some slight alterations had been made to two sections of the proposed new diverted route of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower. A gate that was due to be installed at the previous Point E had actually been installed 17 metres to the west. In addition the original alignment of the alternative route between Points G-H had been shown as running through the new enhanced landscape planting. Due to these alterations it is necessary for the matter to come before the Sub-Committee for consideration. The proposed new routes at these two locations are shown by the dashed red lines on the plan in **Appendix C**. An amended plan, which will become the basis for the Order plan, and which incorporates the changes outlined earlier in this paragraph is attached as **Appendix D**.

#### 4. Current situation/proposal

#### **Current Route and Proposed Diversion**

- 4.1 Currently Footpath 19, Coychurch Lower commences at Point A (Grid Ref. SS 92857765), as shown on the plan in **Appendix D**, and proceeds in a general east north-easterly direction for approximately 615 metres to its termination point at the Brocastle Brook (County Borough Boundary) at Point B (Grid Ref. SS 93407790). The definitive width of the route is undefined. The footpath has a natural surface.
- 4.2 The proposed alternative route of Footpath 19, Coychurch Lower, runs from Point A (Grid Ref. SS 92867765) on the plan (**Appendix D**), and proceeds in a north westerly direction for 124 metres to Point C (Grid Ref. SS 92767773) before continuing in a north north-easterly direction for 12 metres to Point D (Grid Ref. SS 92777775). It then continues in an east north-easterly direction for approximately 161 metres to Point E (Grid Ref. SS 92927777), where it turns and runs in a north north-westerly direction for approximately 28 metres to Point X (Grid Reference SS 9291794). It then continues in a northerly direction for 65 metres to Point F (Grid Ref. SS 92927786), before continuing in a north easterly direction for approximately 19 metres to Point G (Grid Reference SS 92937787). It then continues in an east north-easterly direction for 138 metres to Point H (Grid Ref. SS 93077789), before finally running in a north easterly direction for 180 metres to its junction with Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower at Point J (Grid Ref. SS 93237797).
- 4.3 The additional alternative route of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower commences from its junction with Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower at Point J (Grid Ref. SS 93327789), and continues in a general easterly direction for 58 metres to Point K (Grid Ref. SS 93387789), before turning and running in a north easterly direction for 18 metres to its termination point at the Brocastle Brook at Point L (Grid Ref. SS 93397790).
- 4.4 The approximate total length of the new routes will be 803 metres with a width of 2 metres. The footpath will have a natural surface throughout its entire length.
- 4.5 The section of Footpath 18, Coychurch Lower which is to be extinguished currently commences at Point J (Grid Ref. SS93327789), as shown on the plan in **Appendix D**, and proceeds in a south easterly direction for approximately 7 metres to Point W (Grid Ref. SS 93337789).
- 4.6 Members should note that a small section of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower (approximately 8 metres) will not be affected by the proposed diversion. The section of route not affected by the diversion is shown between Points A and X on the plan in **Appendix D.** Retaining this link will provide access to the A48 and the existing rights of way network in the Vale of Glamorgan via the public footpath directly opposite.
- 4.7 The diversion of this section of Footpath 19, Coychurch Lower was originally discussed in April 2018 when the agent for the applicant sought advice from the Rights of Way Section for the possible diversion of the footpath. As a result of those discussions the agent submitted a proposal for the diversion of the footpath. However the Rights of Way Section were not happy with the original proposal as this showed most of the proposed diverted route of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower using estate

footways. Discussions then continued between both parties until the currently proposed alternative route was agreed in principal by the Rights of Way Section. During those early discussions, the applicant informed the Rights of Way Section that they wished to create two additional link paths within the development site. As a result, the Rights of Way Manager agreed in principal to create the two additional link paths as public footpaths.

- 4.8 The application to divert this section of Footpath 19, Coychurch Lower as well as creating two additional link paths was submitted on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The application was received as a result of comments made by the Rights of Way Section in regards to planning application P/16/549/OUT.
- 4.9 Whilst preparing the documents to carry out a consultation in line with the Council's standard pre-order consultation process in 2018, the Rights of Way Section noted that if the proposed diversion were to be successful this would leave Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower as a cul-de-sac route. The Council wrote to the applicant's agent asking if they would be willing to agree to include the extinguishment of a short section of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower in their application so that this potential anomaly could be resolved. The agent confirmed that the amendments to the application were acceptable to them and the applicants.
- 4.10 In accordance with the Rights of Way Section's standard consultation process for Public Path Orders the local County Borough Council member, Coychurch Lower Community Council, the British Horse Society, Bridgend Ramblers Association, other user groups and interested bodies, South Wales Police and public utilities, were all consulted on the proposal in September 2018. During the consultation process numerous representations were received in relation to the proposed diversion. These are outlined below.
- 4.11 Bridgend Ramblers No objection
- 4.12 Wales & West Utilities No objection
- 4.13 Coychurch Lower Community Council No objection
- 4.14 South Wales Police Design out Crime Officer No objection
- 4.15 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) objected as they have apparatus in the area that is affected by the proposal. This objection was forwarded onto the agent acting on behalf of the applicant as all works that DCWW were concerned about would be carried out by a contractor appointed by the agent/applicant. Further discussions took place between the agent and DCWW and a final email was sent stating that as a result of those discussions DCWW would be withdrawing their objection.
- 4.16 Due to proposed changes to the planning consent (P/16/549/OUT) which had previously been granted, a request was made to the Rights of Way Section asking to postpone the application to divert the footpaths until such time as a decision was made with regards to planning application P/20/269/RLX.
- 4.17 The diversion application process was paused until the outcome of the proposed changes to the planning application was granted consent. Once consent had been

- granted amended proposals for the diversion of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower were submitted.
- 4.18 In accordance with the Rights of Way Section's standard consultation process for Public Path Orders the local County Borough Council member, Coychurch Lower Community Council, the British Horse Society, Bridgend Ramblers Association, other user groups and interested bodies, South Wales Police and public utilities, were all consulted on the new proposals in July 2020. During the second consultation process further representations were received in relation to the proposed diversion. These are outlined below.
- 4.19 Wales & West Utilities No objection
- 4.20 Bridgend Ramblers No objection
- 4.21 Cllr Elaine Venables Although no formal objection was received Cllr Venables was concerned that the proposed diversion of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower would be very close to the current alignment of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower.
- 4.22 Natural Resources Wales No objection
- 4.23 South Wales Police Design out Crime Officer No objection
- 4.24 Openreach No objection
- 4.25 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water objected for the same reasons as outlined in paragraph 4.15. The objection was forwarded to the applicant's agent and following further discussions between the agent and DCWW the Council received an email advising that DCWW would be withdrawing their objection.
- 4.26 During the preparation of this report the Rights of Way section was made aware that as part of the planning process a number of areas within the development site were earmarked for new enhanced landscape planting. Further discussions then took place with the agent acting on behalf of the applicant/landowner which resulted in the Rights of Way section being advised that one area would affect the proposed diversion of Footpaths 19 Coychurch Lower whilst another would affect that section of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower which runs through the site and which is not going to be diverted.
- 4.27 A further site visit was carried out between the Rights of Way Section, the agent acting on behalf of the landowner and the contractor carrying out the works on site in February 2021 to discuss the issue of the requirements for the enhanced landscaping areas. In order to protect the saplings in the new enhanced landscape planting areas, the applicant/landowner decided to fence off the areas with rabbit proof fencing whilst they matured over a period of 5 years. The alternative would have been to use individual tree guards but it was deemed more appropriate to use the fencing due to the size of the areas, the number of new saplings requiring protection and the ease of ongoing maintenance. During that meeting, the Rights of Way Section were advised that the rabbit proof fencing would need to fully enclose the areas concerned, and that stiles were the preferred option to gain access to the areas as any other furniture used, such as pedestrian gates or kissing gates would cause a break in the

- fencing which could potentially allow rabbits to squeeze through, no matter how small the gap.
- 4.28 As part of the planning approval the Council agreed that they would allow the fencing to be erected and remain in place for a maximum of 5 years at both sites provided the applicant/landowner agreed to:
  - Physically create two alternative permissive paths around the enhanced landscape planting areas each with a minimum width of 2 metres for those not wishing or able to climb over the stiles which will be erected on the proposed diverted route of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower and the existing route of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower. The routes would be maintained by the landowner for the duration of the fencing being in place up to a maximum of 5 years.
  - The applicant/landowner would install and maintain stiles in the fences at the points where the proposed route of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower and the existing route of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower passed through the enhanced landscape planting areas to enable those wishing to use the Definitive alignments of the public footpath. The locations of the proposed stiles are indicated by four 'X's on the plan in Appendix E. The two stiles on the proposed diverted route of Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower would be shown as a limitation in the Order.
  - The applicant/landowner would remove the stiles at the end of the 5 year period when the fences would also be removed.
- 4.29 The Council has received written confirmation from the applicant/landowner agreeing to the conditions.
- 4.30 With regards to the surface of the permissive routes, the Council can confirm that they are of the same physical characteristics as the remainder of Footpaths 18 and 19 Coychurch Lower, and as such, would not have a long term detrimental effect on users of the footpaths.
- 4.31 No additional consultation has been carried out in respect of the slight amendments to the proposed alternative route as identified in paragraph 3.4 as these only are very minor and relate only to moving the proposed diverted route a matter of metres.
- 4.32 In order to facilitate the development of up to 71,441sq.m. of B1, B2 and B8 employment floor space, including access, car parking, diversion of public rights of way, site remediation, drainage, landscaping and associated engineering operations as per planning consent P/16/549/OUT at land east of the A48 (Crack Hill), Brocastle, Bridgend, CF31 5AU a section of Footpath 19, Coychurch Lower will need to be diverted. In addition part of Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower will need to be extinguished and two link paths will be created.
- 4.33 The Welsh Governments Guidance for Local Authorities on Public Rights of Way August 2016 states:

'Before making an Order the Council must be satisfied that it is necessary to do so in order to enable development to be carried out in accordance with planning permission that has been granted.'

As Members are aware, it should not be assumed that an Order should be made simply because planning permission has been granted.

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'Even where a case of necessity is made out, an authority still has discretion whether to make an Order or not. However, having concluded that the planning permission should be granted, there must be good reasons for deciding that an Order, which would permit implementation of that permission, should not be made.'

'In coming to a judgment as to whether to make an Order, the following should be taken into account:

- The interests of the general public.
- The potential effects of the Order on some members of the public, such as occupiers of property adjoining the highway.
- Any potential financial loss to members of the public.'
- 4.34 In regard to the three considerations outlined above Members are advised as follows:
  - The Council is aware that the new route will be 248 metres longer than the existing route and that for the first 5 years four stiles will be installed on the route. However, the stiles will be removed after 5 years and during the time they are in situ a separate alternative path without any structures will be made available. Consideration was given to diverting the path closer to the development but this was not possible on the northern side of any potential building. And, if the diversion was taken to the south of any potential building the alternative route would have had to utilise the estate footways. As has already been indicated in paragraph 4.7 this was deemed to be unacceptable as the proposal would not have met current guidelines for the diversion of footpaths. In the long term the proposed diversion enables the Rights of Way network to be protected from obstruction for the enjoyment of the public. It also enables the network to be accurately recorded and maintained and will allow for the footpath to remain as a continuous off-road walking route for members of the public between the A48 and the County Borough Boundary. For these reasons it is considered that the test that the proposal is in the interests of the public can be said to be satisfied.
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The Council works closely with the applicant/developer to implement the proposed works so that the likelihood of objections is minimal.

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Consultations were carried out with statutory consultees, local members and community councils to gather their views before the decision to make the order is made.

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- 9.2 That authorisation be given for the Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to make the necessary Orders to seek to divert Footpath 19 Coychurch Lower and to part extinguish Footpath 18 Coychurch Lower as shown on the plan in **Appendix D** to the report, and to confirm the Orders provided no objections or representations are made within the prescribed period, or if any so made are withdrawn.
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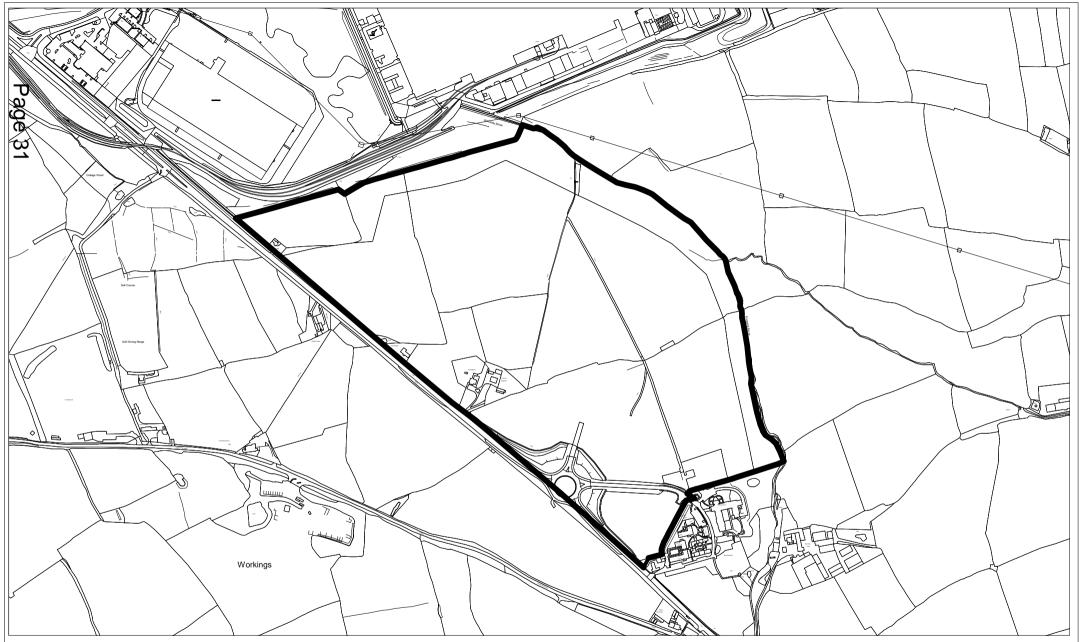
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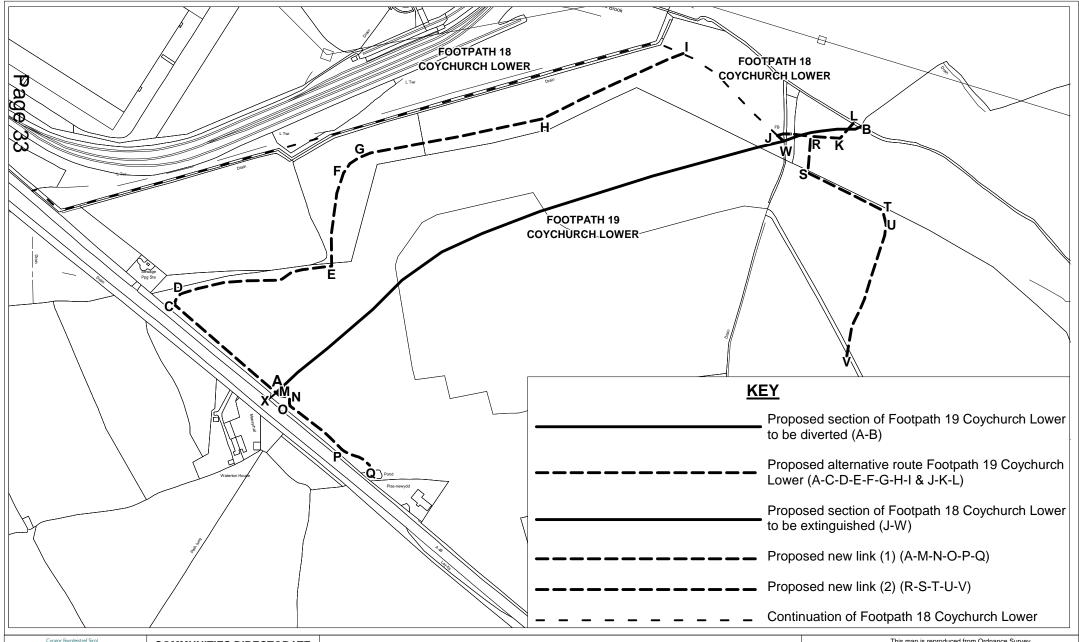


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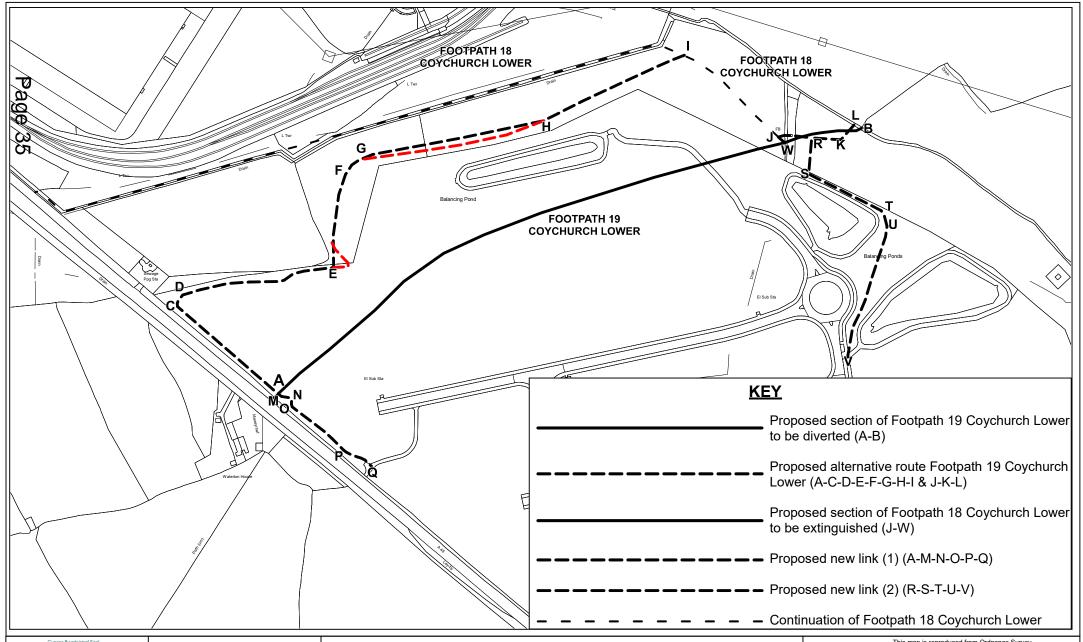
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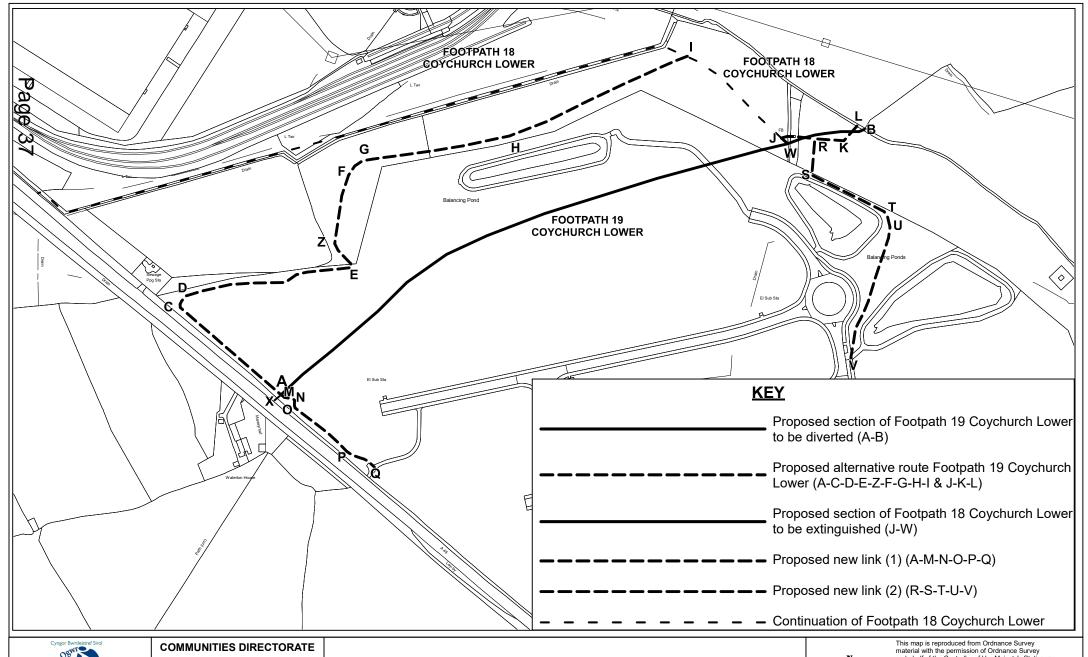


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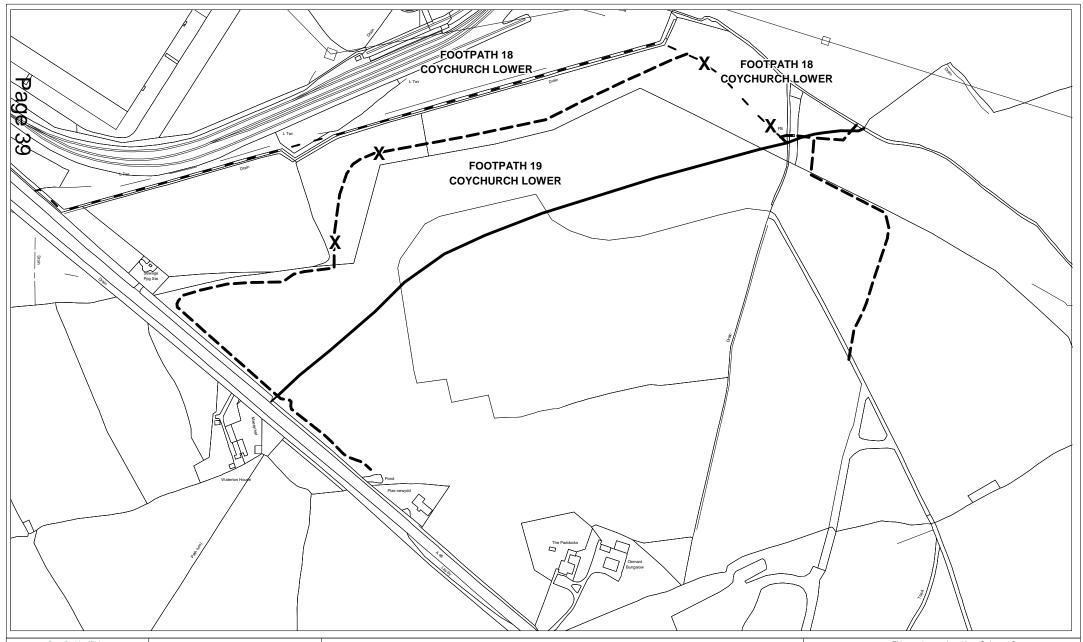


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