

I wish to speak as a member of the Bathwick Estate Residents Association of which I was chairman for many years. My experience also includes being an Inspector for government inquiries into roads and footpaths until I retired in 2000.

Since coming to Bathwick in 1986, my family and I have used the passage-way from Powlett Road to Bathwick Street. In particular, when my grandchildren were small, we would often be 2 adults and three children, together with a push-chair. This was a safe haven for us to Henrietta Park and into Bath, with the pedestrian crossing at the end of the passage way to cross the main road, giving added safety to the route.

We are speaking of a short, narrow lane which has always been protected by a sign prohibiting use by cyclists. A great many elderly people, as well as families with small children, live in the area and should not lose the right to use the route in safety.

I would have no objection to cyclists who feel they need to use this short route, provided that they dismounted and walked with the cycle through the passage way.