

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 March 2009 10:00
To: PROW
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Footpath across fields south west of Beckford's Tower and Cemetery

Hi

I want to comment on the routing of the new footpath running across the field immediately below Beckford cemetery, Lansdown, Bath (c.ST737674).

The steep slopes of the terraces in the upper part of this field, near the cemetery wall, are species-rich in wildflowers, being semi-improved neutral to calcicolous grassland. The field is grazed by a hobby-herd of cattle, to a low intensity, and no fertilizer is applied. This has been the case to my knowledge for at least 9 years and probably longer, judging by the abundance of ant-hills. Whilst it is beneficial for the public to be able to see countryside how it should be in terms of wildlife richness, and that is now all too often a relic, it would be a great tragedy if the good management of the land managers in benefitting the wildlife is undone by trampling.

Please be careful to route the path in such a way as to avoid these areas. I would like to be reassured that with reference to Avon Wildlife Trust or your own ecologist that the path would avoid the best of these slopes. I expect that reference will be made to the sensitivity of the site in terms of nature conservation designations and statutory and non-statutory consultees, but I'm not sure this area is designated in any way, and so may escape notice by conservation groups.

Please advise me if there is a formal way of commenting, or if this will suffice.

Many thanks

From: David Watersone [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2009 18:11
To: Graeme Stark
Subject: Chelscombe Farm, Charcombe

Dear Graeme

Many thanks for your letter of 2 February about Chelscombe Farm in the parish of Charlcombe.

Since what is now proposed is broadly speaking an idea I myself put forward some months ago, I am of course warmly in favour of the proposed changes. If accepted, what is now proposed will bring to an end a dispute of some three decades standing and will open up the development of a greatly improved ROW network over Lansdown.

Thank you!

David Waterstone

From: Sue Toland [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 February 2009 11:48
To: Graeme Stark
Subject: RE: Chelscombe Farm

Graeme

Thank you for sending the map and copy of the notice.

As I said on the 'phone, I support the order. The public will benefit more by the change than they gain under the current network.

Sue Toland
 Secretary
 Primrose Hill Community Woodland Trust

CHARLCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



13 March 2009

Dear Mr Stark

Proposed changes to the Rights of Way network in the parish of Charlcombe

The Councillors of Charlcombe Parish are content with your proposals as outlined in your letter dated 2 February 2009.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Buckley
Parish Clerk