
REPORT TO:	DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	6 th NOVEMBER 2001	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	ADRIAN KIRKHAM (EXT: 5743)	
SUBJECT:	BRIDLEWAY 11 AND APPLICATION TO ADD A FOOTPATH LINK TO THE STATUTORY LIST AND VARY THE DETAILS OF BRIDLEWAY 11, WILLINGTON	
WARD AFFECTED:	WILLINGTON	

1.0 Reason for Exempt (if appropriate)

1.1 Not Applicable.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 To obtain the views of members and suggest additional information that the County Council may use prior to the decisions on these matters being made.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To advise members of the Development Control Committee of the receipt of a formal consultation from Derbyshire County Council on an application to:

- (i) add a footpath to the statutory register that follows the bank of the River Trent,
- (ii) a variation of the particulars relating to Bridleway 11, and,
- (iii) clarification of the extent of Bridleway 11.

3.2 To obtain members views on the consultation.

4.0 Detail

4.1 At the last meeting of the Development Control Committee a petition was submitted to the Chair of the Committee on this matter. Additionally, a resolution was taken that this Council write to the County Council expressing support for local residents in relation to their request to the County Council that a footpath along the River Trent be added to the statutory register and that the extent of Bridleway 11 be clarified.

4.2 Prior to the forwarding of the letter to the County Council a letter seeking the formal views of this Council on the matter was received. A copy of the letter and the documentation that accompanied it is attached to this report.

4.3 The letter specifically invites the Council to provide any information or comments it wishes in respect of the applications.

4.4 Therefore, prior to officers writing to the County Council, in accord with the resolution of the Committee at its last meeting, any further comments on the merits of the case, in accord with the letter sent by the County, could be added.

4.5 Whilst unable to add any local knowledge to the matter, officers have studied the aerial photographs available on this matter. These suggest that a track did exist at the date of the photographs along the river bank. This adds some weight to the view that a footpath has existed along the river bank, although this needs to be the subject of expert interpretation.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Corporate Implications

7.1 None.

9.0 Conclusions

9.1 Officers are unable to add to the original comments of members on the issue of local knowledge. However, the information specified at paragraph 4.5 above should be forwarded to the County Council as evidence that a track has existed along the river bank in the past.

9.2 If there are further comments that the committee would wish to be added to the originally drafted resolution, particularly in view of the local knowledge that members may have, this would be the opportunity for those to be added as part of the formal response of the Council to the consultation.

10.0 Background Papers

10.1 Letter from the County Council dated 10th October 2001 (attached).