

Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981

Registration of Public Rights of Way – City of Bath CONSULTATION – Widcombe Ward

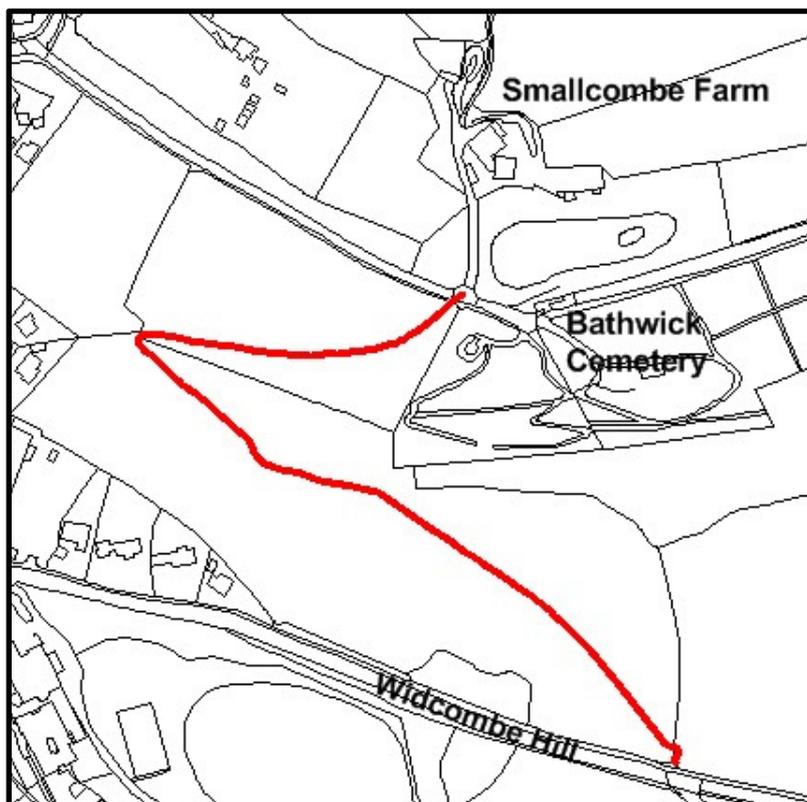
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How to respond:

- complete an online questionnaire by visiting the Council website at: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk> under **Consultations**, select **Public Rights of Way in Widcombe Ward** (details of all paths in the consultation can be found here)
- email: bath_dms@bathnes.gov.uk
- write to: Technical Officer (PROW), Public Rights of Way, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG
- telephone 01225 394940

The kind of information we would like to know is:



- How long have you used the path (during which years)?
- How frequently you use the path?
- How you use the path (on foot, by bicycle, by horse, by vehicle)?
- For what purpose you use the path (eg. for work, access to local amenities, leisure)?
- Do you see many other people using the path?
- Do you own the land over which the path crosses?

Quote Path 27 in responses relating to this path.

Any comments should be received by 14th Dec 2018.

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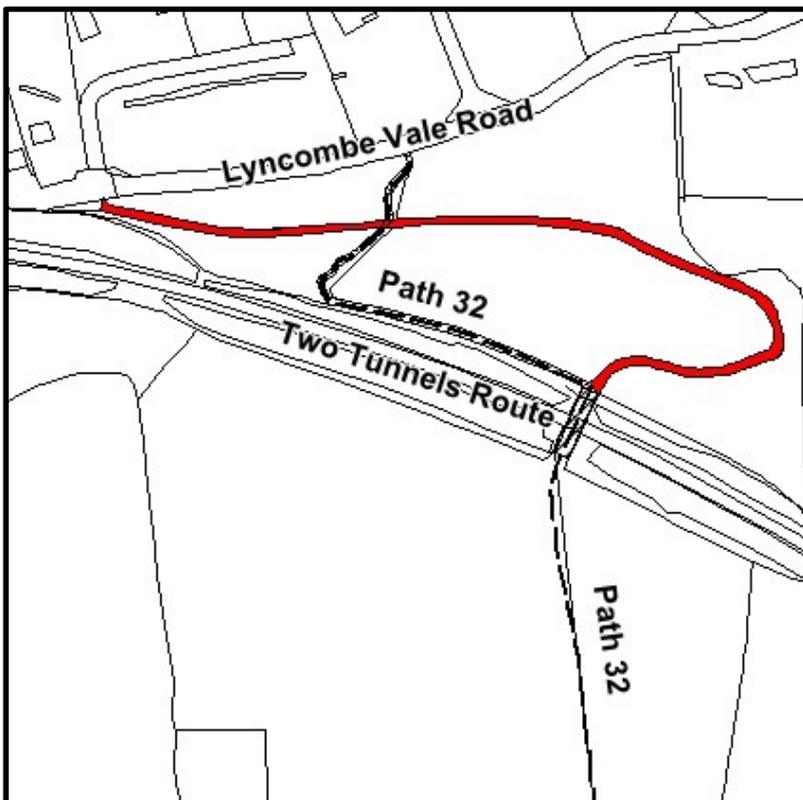
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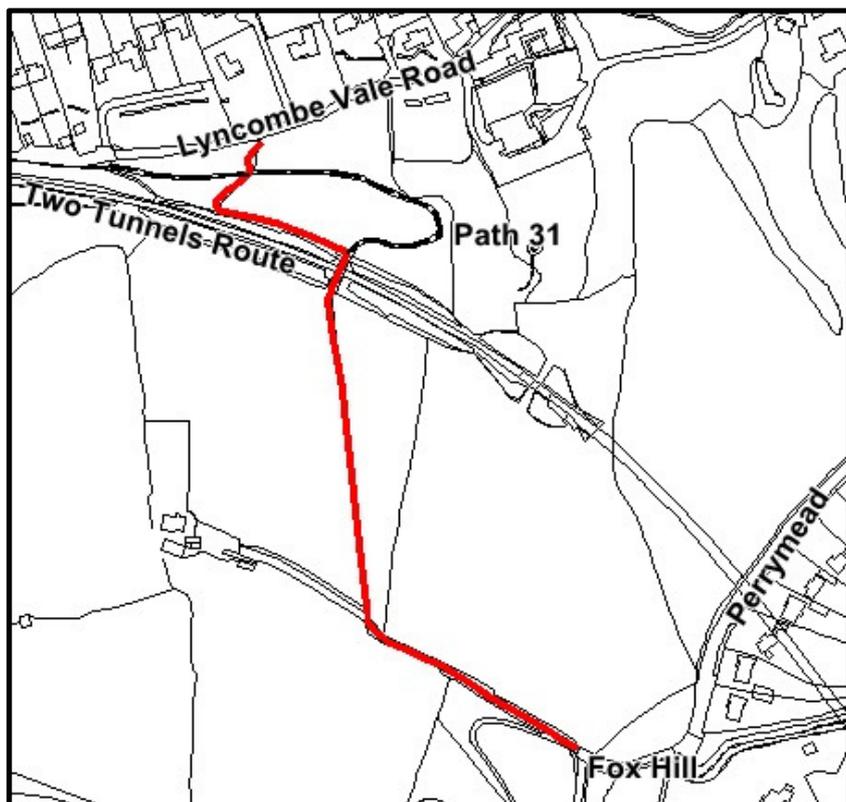
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- How frequently you use the path?
- How you use the path (on foot, by bicycle, by horse, by vehicle)?
- For what purpose you use the path (eg. for work, access to local amenities, leisure)?
- Do you see many other people using the path?
- Do you own the land over which the path crosses?

Quote **Path 32** in responses relating to this path.

Any comments should be received by 14th Dec 2018.

Path Number	Path Number	Path Number
BC64/7 (CQ42) Path 27 in the consultation	BC53/5 (BQ47) Path 31 in the consultation	BC53/6 (AQ76) Path 32 in the consultation
<p>1 [redacted]. We are five in the household, two adults and three teenage children. Collectively we have used the following paths in the last 12 months on a more or less frequent basis: 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35. I am afraid that is neither feasible nor reasonable for you to expect a form to be completed by every user for every path. Please accept this as our notification of use and interest in the paths noted above.</p>	<p>8 [redacted]. I have been using public footpaths 31 & 32 (Widcombe) nearly every day since the 1980's. I walk this route between my allotment (Lyncombe Vale 2) and my House (9 Meare Road). Half of the people I meet are regular walkers, the others are one-time visitors. I do not own the School that Path 31 passes over, or Honeysuckle Farm where the higher southern section of Path 32 goes. I appreciate the gates instead of fence styles on the route as I sometimes need to carry heavy luggage and plan to continue.</p>	<p>2 [redacted] Here are paths I been using regularly since 2009 for exercising dogs and children: At least 12 times per year: 8, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 31, 32, 33. I have used all these on all occasions without permission, objection or obstruction.</p>
<p>2 [redacted] Here are paths I been using regularly since 2009 for exercising dogs and children: More than 3 times a week: 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35. I have used all these on all occasions without permission, objection or obstruction.</p>	<p>2 [redacted] Here are paths I been using regularly since 2009 for exercising dogs and children: At least 12 times per year: 8, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 31, 32, 33. I have used all these on all occasions without permission, objection or obstruction.</p>	<p>4 User 56 [redacted] 3/year. I was always on foot. The purpose was for pleasure, work, shopping and exploring Bath. I always followed the line of the path. From memory, the paths were about the same width. I am not, and never was, an owner, tenant or employee. I never met any landowner. I never sought nor was given permission to use any of the paths. I was never asked to turn back. Recently the National Trust has been placing notices on their land. Many of them are for advertising purposes and most of the notices are unnecessary. A few stiles and gates have been changed for the better. They have not prevented or deterred me. I have had to cast my mind back over 56 years and this is not easy!</p>
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<p>5 [redacted] Used from 1981 to present, a few times a year, on foot for leisure, quite a few other people seen. Doesn't own the land.</p>	<p>9 [redacted]. I live opposite the footpath and steps for Path 31. I use the steps twice daily for 6 years to walk my dogs and to join footpath 32 to journey into the woods and beyond. The routes are used by many fellow dog walkers and pedestrians at all times.</p>	<p>7 [redacted]. Paths 31 and 32. I have also walked on the following paths at least once in most weeks, and sometimes twice in a week, for the last ten years, and less frequently for the preceding ten years, and have frequently see others using them.</p>
<p>6 [redacted] I write regarding your notice displaying the proposed PATH 27 across the National Trust land to the south of Smallcombe Valley. Whilst I have no comment about the great majority of the proposed footpath, I am concerned that it ambiguously appears to project into our private lane. This is incorrect, as there is no PROW on our lane. Bath Council have previously confirmed this. While this may be an unintentional mistake, please can you amend the drawing accordingly.</p>		<p>8 [redacted] I have been using public footpaths 31 & 32 (Widcombe) nearly every day since the 1980's. I walk this route between my allotment (Lyncombe Vale 2) and my House (9 Meare Road). Half of the people I meet are regular walkers, the others are one-time visitors. I do not own the School that Path 31 passes over, or Honeysuckle Farm where the higher southern section of Path 32 goes. I appreciate the gates instead of fence styles on the route as I sometimes need to carry heavy luggage and plan to continue.</p>
<p>7 [redacted]. Paths 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 27, 28, and 29. I have walked on all of the following paths at least once during the last ten years, and some cases more than once.</p>		

Jenny Nobbs

From: Bath DMS
Sent: 12 November 2018 10:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Widcombe Ward Public Rights of Way Consultation

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to complete the forms. The online form is very lengthy – it is in the same format as the public rights of way user evidence form which is usually filled in for one path at a time. I have run 3 previous consultations using the same format and we have not come up with a better way to do so online and still get the same amount of information. However, I think that for future consultations we will need to have a look at the amount of information we are requesting and simplify it as it is unreasonable to expect people to complete so much information. In previous wards, there were fewer paths being consulted on and so we didn't get as much negative feedback from people submitting information.

My next consultation will be in Southdown, in at least a year's time so I will look at revising the amount of information we are collecting so that the form is hopefully not as complicated for Southdown and subsequent wards.

I can use the information you have given me below in the report I am compiling for each path so thank you for sending it to me.

Kind regards
Jenny Nobbs (Mrs)
Technical Officer (PROW)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 November 2018 12:12
To: Bath DMS
Subject: Widcombe Ward Public Rights of Way Consultation

Hi

I have completed the consultation form for paths 31, 32, and 33 because these are closest to us and potentially most vulnerable. We are five in the household, two adults and three teenage children. Collectively we have used the following paths in the last 12 months on a more or less frequent basis: 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35. I am afraid that is neither feasible nor reasonable for you to expect a form to be completed by every user for every path. Please accept this as our notification of use and interest in the paths noted above.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Jenny Nobbs

From: Bath DMS
Sent: 19 November 2018 15:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: online form-filling

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the information you have sent me. It is very helpful and I will use it in the report I am compiling on the public rights of way in Widcombe Ward.

Kind regards
Jenny

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 November 2018 12:29
To: Bath DMS
Subject: Re: online form-filling

Thank you for your prompt and helpful reply. Here are two lists of paths I been using regularly since 2009 for exercising dogs and children:

At least 12 times per year: 8, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 31, 32, 33.
More than 3 times a week: 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 35.

I have used all these on all occasions without permission, objection or obstruction.

Yours, [REDACTED]

On Tue, 13 Nov 2018 at 14:54, Bath DMS <Bath_DMS@bathnes.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

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I am very happy to receive information from you in the form of an email. If you do want to submit information, you could write a brief statement about each path such as:

Path 1 - used on foot, approximately twice a week since 1999. Used on commute to and from work.

We do look at the number of unbroken years a path has been used and 20 years unbroken use is generally thought to be sufficient. It is also useful for me to know how the paths are used (ie on foot, by bicycle, on horseback etc) and how frequently.

Kind regards

Jenny Nobbs (Mrs)

Technical Officer (PROW)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 November 2018 14:09
To: Bath DMS
Subject: online form-filling

I began on this for the Widcombe footpaths but found it too boring to repeat a dozen times or more. Is there a way of offering you my information just once and applying it to a list of paths? Also, I suspect that the only information that is legally relevant is that which refers back a certain number of years. Is that true? How many years?

Yours,

[REDACTED]

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Jenny Nobbs

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 November 2018 20:38
To: Bath DMS
Subject: Re: Footpaths survey

Dear Mrs Nobbs

Thank you for your comprehensive reply. The simplest answer to seeking information both about respondents and footpaths is to allow all surveys to be completed within one reply.

As you suggested here are some comments from me on the current survey:

- Path 4 – perhaps twice since 2000, visiting friends.
- Path 5 – perhaps three or four times a year since 2000, visiting friends.
- Path 8 – perhaps twice since 2000, en route from Wells Road to the Lower Bristol Road.
- Path 10 – perhaps ten times since 2000, visiting friends or out for a walk.
- Path 11 – perhaps three times since 2000, visiting friends.
- Path 12 – perhaps twice since 2000, accessing Lower Bristol Road.
- Path 14 – perhaps five times since 2000, accessing Wells Road.
- Path 15 – four to five times a week since 1976, originally commuting, now accessing the centre of Bath.
- Path 16 – five or six times a year since 2000, visiting friends.
- Path 18 – perhaps twice since 2000.
- Path 19 – perhaps once a month since 2000, for access to Prior Park Road
- Path 20 – as for path 19
- Path 21 – two or three times a year for access.
- Path 22 – perhaps six times a year for access.
- Path 24 – perhaps once a month since 1976 for leisure.
- Path 26 – perhaps once or twice a month since 1976 for access to and from Prior Park Road.
- Path 27 – perhaps ten times since 1976, for leisure.
- Path 28 – perhaps eight to ten times a year since 1976, for leisure.
- Path 29 – perhaps twice a year since 1976 for leisure.
- Path 30 – perhaps three to four times a year, for leisure (and my children used it almost daily returning home from Ralph Allen School when they referred to the lower part as The Wolf Tunnel, as it was then very overgrown).
- Path 33 – perhaps six times since 1976, for leisure.
- Path 34 – perhaps three times a year since 1976, for leisure.
- Path 35 – perhaps three times a year since 1976, for leisure.

For your information I am 72 and live at 18 The Tynning, Bath BA2 6AL.

I hope this is helpful for you.

Regards

[REDACTED]

On 14 Nov 2018, at 08:08, [REDACTED] wrote:

Sent from my iPad

9e (3)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bath DMS <Bath_DMS@BATHNES.GOV.UK>
Date: 13 November 2018 at 14:48:29 GMT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpaths survey

Dear [REDACTED]

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Technical Officer (PROW)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 November 2018 19:08
To: Bath DMS
Subject: Footpaths survey

I started to complete this but realised it would take me an age to complete the information for all the paths I use and have used. What a nonsense requiring so much personal information and personal disclosure, especially with the need to complete all the information for each footpath. I gave up in despair. And don't hide behind the law; this consultation is ridiculously and unnecessarily complicated.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

9e (4) User 56

Jenny Nobbs

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 October 2019 19:49
To: Jenny Nobbs
Subject: RE: Widcombe Public Rights of Way

Dear Jenny,

It is lovely to hear from you again and many thanks for spotting my typing error.

To emphasise the point this is what I should have typed:

"I am **not, and never was, an owner, tenant or employee".**

We hope that you and the family get over your coughs and colds and are able to enjoy half term. We have just had a holiday and had a week of rain and strong winds at Studland staying in a National Trust ex-tennis pavilion – we expected the pavilion to be cold but it was very snug.

We would love to see you again when you are in our area and coffee will always be available. You deserve a medal for all the hard work you have done over the years and for your persistence.

Kind regards..... [REDACTED]

From: Jenny Nobbs [mailto:Jenny_Nobbs@BATHNES.GOV.UK]
Sent: 22 October 2019 16:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Widcombe Public Rights of Way

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that you and your family are all well. We are recovering from coughs and colds, hopefully in time to enjoy some sunshine over half term (if we are lucky with the weather!).

I am currently compiling a report and a bundle of information to send to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the three paths included in this year's Widcombe DMMOs, for which I received objections:

Footpath BC53/5 (Path 31 in the consultation - Starts on Lyncombe Vale Road, opposite Combeside and finishes at the gate to the crossing over the former Somerset & Dorset Railway Line)

Footpath BC53/6 (Path 32 in the consultation - Starts on Lyncombe Vale Road, opposite Timberlee, crosses over the former Somerset & Dorset Railway Line and finishes on Fox Hill)

Footpath BC64/7 (Path 27 in the consultation - Starts at the gate opposite the entrance to Smallcombe Farm and finishes on Widcombe Hill)

I have used the information that you kindly supplied during the consultation but I have noticed that there is one quote you made which I think must be a typing error. Please could you confirm that the quote I have highlighted on the attachment should read as: "I am **not**, and never was, an owner, tenant or employee".

I have a wealth of information regarding the 3 objected to paths and will be submitting it to the Planning Inspectorate for their determination as soon as possible. It is another hoop to jump through but I hope that we will be able to confirm the order for these 3 paths in about a year's time!

Kind regards
Jenny

9e (4) User 56

Jenny Nobbs, Technical Officer (PROW)

My Work Pattern is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

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<u>PATH</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>50/year</u>	<u>10/year</u>	<u>6/year</u>	<u>3/year</u>	<u>?</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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27		*						has been used twice a day!
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29		*						used intensively in summer
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NOTES: ? Means not sure of frequency - but more likely 30 to 50 years ago than now!

I am very happy to receive information from you (or any member of the public) by spreadsheet as I can easily extract the most relevant information (such as how you use the path, how long you've been using the path, how frequently, for what purpose and whether or not you've ever been prevented by anything such as locked gates, barbed wire, signs, someone telling you you can't use the path etc).

9e (4) User 56

Jenny Nobbs

From: Jenny Nobbs
Sent: 20 November 2018 17:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Consultation on Public Rights of Way in the Widcombe Ward, Bath

[REDACTED]

Thank you so much for the detailed information. I will add it to the recommendation report that I am compiling. The consultation ends on 14th December and I hope to get my recommendation report to Graeme as soon as possible in the new year so that I can make the legal order(s) for Widcombe in this financial year.

Kind regards
Jenny

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 November 2018 11:59
To: Jenny Nobbs
Subject: RE: Consultation on Public Rights of Way in the Widcombe Ward, Bath

Jenny,

Probably the best way for me to cover the ground is to answer the general questions first and then give detailed answers for each path in the spreadsheet.

General answers.

- I was always on foot
- The purpose was for pleasure, work, shopping and exploring Bath
- I always followed the line of the path
- From memory, the paths were about the same width
- I am, and never was, an owner, tenant or employee
- I never met any landowner
- I never sought nor was given permission to use any of the paths
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- Recently the National Trust has been placing notices on their land. Many of them are for advertising purposes and most of the notices are unnecessary.
- A few stiles and gates have been changed for the better. They have not prevented or deterred me.
- I have no additional information
- and I am prepared to give evidence at a Public Inquiry.

The **detailed answers** are on the spreadsheet. I have used your words from your email as a guide to the headings. However, I have modified them because I have had to cast my mind back over 56 years and this is not easy!

Please let me know if you want more information.

[REDACTED]

From: Jenny Nobbs [mailto:Jenny_Nobbs@BATHNES.GOV.UK]
Sent: 05 November 2018 16:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Consultation on Public Rights of Way in the Widcombe Ward, Bath

9e (4) User 56

Fyi, please respond direct if you would like to.

From: Jenny Nobbs <Jenny_Nobbs@BATHNES.GOV.UK>
Sent: 30 October 2018 13:53
Subject: Consultation on Public Rights of Way in the Widcombe Ward, Bath

Hello,

I consulted with Residents' Associations in the summer regarding the public rights of way in the Widcombe Ward of Bath and some of you very kindly responded. I have started a public consultation of 34 paths and wondered if you could forward this email to your members to see if any of them are interested in responding to the consultation as members of the public.

I have attached details of the ways in which people can respond to the consultation and a map showing the paths included. There is an online consultation which can be found at the link below but it is quite onerous as you have to fill in one form for each path you have used.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/consultations/public-rights-way-widcombe-ward>

If people have only used one or two paths, then they might be happy to complete the online form, otherwise the attached document lists other ways in which people can respond. The public consultation runs until 14th December 2018. After this, I will compile the responses into a report and make a recommendation on which paths to include in a legal order. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should need any additional information.

Kind regards
Jenny

Jenny Nobbs
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Jenny Nobbs

From: Bath DMS
Sent: 13 December 2018 16:21
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Widcombe footpaths

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for replying to my consultation. The information you have given me is very helpful and I will use it in the report I am compiling about the paths in the Widcombe Ward. Once I have completed the consultation, I will make a recommendation about which paths to include in a Legal Order to add to the Definitive Map and Statement for the city of Bath.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should require any additional information.

Kind regards
Jenny Nobbs (Mrs)
Technical Officer (PROW)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 December 2018 20:08
To: Bath DMS
Subject: Widcombe footpaths

Hello

I have attached my responses to your PROW notices. I have included all the ones I can remember using.

Some of them are very short so that a lack of others using them could be influenced by the short time one spends traversing them.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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	How long	How frequently	How	For what purpose	Other people	Own land
Path 05	From 1981 to present	Twice a year	On foot	Leisure	Very few	No
Path 10	From 1981 to present	Few times a year	On foot	Leisure	Quite a few	No
Path 15	From 1981 to present	Weekly	On foot	Access	Many	No
Path 19	From 1981 to present	> weekly	On foot	Access	Very few	No
Path 20	From 1981 to present	> weekly	On foot	Access	Very few	No
Path 26	From 1981 to present	10 – 20 per year	On foot	Access and Leisure	Very few	No
Path 27	From 1981 to present	Few times a year	On foot	Leisure	Quite a few	No
Path 28	From 1981 to present	10 – 20 per year	On foot	Leisure	Quite a few	No
Path 29	From 1981 to present	Few times a year	On foot	Leisure	Very few	No
Path 30	From 1981 to present	10 – 20 per year	On foot	Leisure	Quite a few	No

Jenny Nobbs

From: Bath DMS
Sent: 17 December 2018 16:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PATH 27
Attachments: Smallcombe Landowner Deposit.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Please find attached a copy of the Landowner Deposit as signed by [REDACTED] on 14/08/2012. The plan attached clearly shows footpath BC54/40 (in green ink on the plan) joining up with the dashed line representing what is referred to as Path 27 in my current consultation. If Path 27 and footpath BC54/40 do not meet, how are the public expected to continue their walk? Should they turn around at the gate on footpath BC54/40 and the gate on Path 27 and return the way they have come? Or should they turn into the access track and continue by walking along it to Horseshoe Walk? As neither path is a cul-de-sac, they must join up. I have never found evidence to suggest that a public right of way exists on foot along your access track to Horseshoe walk but if you believe that the public should not cross the track to the path on the other side, the only other option is for them to walk along it or return the way they have come.

I will be including Path 27 in a Definitive Map Modification Order to add it to the Definitive Map and Statement as a public footpath. Anyone can object to the inclusion of a path in a legal order once the order is made, providing that they have a valid objection.

Kind regards
Jenny

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 December 2018 14:58
To: Bath DMS
Subject: Re: PATH 27

Dear Jenny,

Many thanks for your response.

That is incorrect and inconsistent with previous advice from BANES.

Please be aware that we object to PATH 27 being shown as encroaching on to our land.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

> On 13 Dec 2018, at 16:55, Bath DMS <Bath_DMS@BATHNES.GOV.UK> wrote:

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> Dear [REDACTED]
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> Thank you for the email. Path 27 joins up with the public footpath (our reference BC54/40) which was legally recorded last year. I have enclosed a plan to show where the paths join.
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> Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should require any additional information.
>

- > Kind regards
- > Jenny Nobbs (Mrs)
- > Technical Officer (PROW)

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED]

> Sent: 11 December 2018 11:00

> Subject: PATH 27

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> Dear Sirs

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> I write regarding your notice displaying the proposed PATH 27 across the National Trust land to the south of Smallcombe Valley.

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> Whilst I have no comment about the great majority of the proposed footpath, I am concerned that it ambiguously appears to project into our private lane.

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> This is incorrect, as there is no PROW on our lane. Bath Council have previously confirmed this.

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> While this may be an unintentional mistake, please can you amend the drawing accordingly.

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> Yours sincerely

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> [REDACTED]

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Jenny Nobbs

From: Bath DMS
Sent: 18 December 2018 16:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Widcombe Rights of Way consultation

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for replying to my consultation. The information you have given me is very helpful and I will use it in the report I am compiling about the paths in the Widcombe Ward. The consultation has ended and I am now analysing the information received. Once I have completed the analysis, I will make a recommendation about which paths to include in a Legal Order to add to the Definitive Map and Statement for the city of Bath.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should require any additional information.

Kind regards
Jenny Nobbs (Mrs)
Technical Officer (PROW)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2018 17:41
To: Bath DMS
Subject: Widcombe Rights of Way consultation

Attention: Jenny Nobbs - Technical Officer (PROW)

Dear Ms Nobbs,

In response to the Widcombe Rights of Way consultation:

I live in Greenway Lane and have been advised to take frequent exercise because of a lung condition.

I have walked on all of the following paths at least once during the last ten years, and some cases more than once:

Paths 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 27, 28, and 29.

I have also walked on the following path several times a year for the last ten years, and less frequently for the preceding ten years, and have frequently see others using it:

Path 18.

I have also walked on the following paths at least once a month for the last ten years, and less frequently for the preceding ten years, and have frequently see others using them:

Paths 10, 30, 33, 34, and 35.

I have also walked on the following paths at least once in most weeks, and sometimes twice in a week, for the last ten years, and less frequently for the preceding ten years, and have frequently see others using them:

Paths 31 and 32.

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In addition, I have walked on a route not marked on your maps, from beside the northwest entrance of the Combe Down Tunnel (on the Two Tunnels bike path) southwards uphill up a small wooded valley and through a field (used for neither cultivation nor livestock) to the junction of Perrymead with both Foxhill and the end of the driveway to Honeysuckle Farm. I have walked here occasionally over the last ten years and have occasionally seen other people on this route. Until perhaps two years ago there was an unbarred exit at the top of the field (perhaps an unlocked gate, I can't remember). Within the last couple of years the landowner has erected tall metal fencing over the field access, however it is still possible for a slender person to pass through a gap between the end of the fencing and the stone wall at the edge of the former field gateway, and I have continued to walk occasionally on this route.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Technical Officer,
Public Rights of Way,
Bath and North East Somerset Council,
Lewis House,
Manvers Street,
Bath BA113G.

Dear Sirs,

I have been using public footpaths 31+32 (Widcombe) nearly every day since the 1980's. I walk this route between my allotment (Lyncombe Vale 2.) and my House, ([REDACTED]). Half of the people I meet are regular walkers, the others are one-time visitors. I do not own the School that path 31 passes over, or Honeysuckle Farm where the higher southern section of path 32 goes. I appreciate the gates instead of fence styles on the route as I sometimes need to carry heavy luggage + plan to continue.

Yours Faithfully,
[REDACTED]

Jenny Nobbs

From: Bath DMS
Sent: 06 December 2018 12:58
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Path 32 consultation

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for replying to my consultation. The information you and your father have given me is very helpful and I will use it in the report I am compiling about the paths in the Widcombe Ward. Once I have completed the consultation, I will make a recommendation about which paths to include in a Legal Order to add to the Definitive Map and Statement for the city of Bath.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you should require any additional information.

Kind regards
Jenny Nobbs (Mrs)
Technical Officer (PROW)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 November 2018 09:54
To: Bath DMS
Subject: Path 32 consultation

Dear technical officer

Please find below the words of my father [REDACTED] in respect of the public consultation for path 32 in widcombe, bath.

"I live opposite the footpath and steps for os31. I use the steps twice daily to walk my dogs and to join footpath 32 to journey into the woods and beyond. The routes are used by many fellow dog walkers and pedestrians at all times."

Further to my father's words, I also use the footpath 32 when I come over and walk his dogs to support him. My dad is 81.5 years old and has 2 spaniel who give him a reason to get out and keep him mobile. The path is very useful and minimises the time that the dogs are on the main road to a few seconds rather than a few minutes walking up to the official path to the cycleway. My father has been using it to walk the dogs every day for 6 years. Prior to that we used it infrequently for walks since dad bought [REDACTED] in 2002. We only travel up the path on foot. My only request would be for consideration of a dog mess bin either along that path or the cycle way as there is no provision and a lot of dog walkers!

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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