

Gloucestershire County Council Public Footpath Diversion Order HBW 26
Parish of Bourton on the Water

Response by Gerald Stewart, Local Correspondent OSS, to Comments on my Statement of Reasons submitted by Mrs Bennet –

Para 7(viii)

Walkers emerging from the signposted route through the yard will have clear visibility, in all directions, of the dangerous traffic activity described.

Para 9

The Gloucestershire Police were unable to confirm the extent of local crime but I submit that such is as likely from the lane or adjacent properties as from the footpath.

Para 11

Mrs Tyler (not Butler) were she approached would probably explain that her remark referred to my not being inclined to 'rubber stamp' public path proposals, nor accept unsubstantiated 'facts' or misinterpreted legislation.

Para 15.

Privacy and security of the occupants is at the core the order made in the interest of the landowner. It is therefore contradictory that the new path be located a few yards from the rear of the bungalow.

The fear expressed regarding loitering persons undesired activity on the enclosed path demonstrates this.

Para 16

No such demand for a low fence has been made by me or the Society.

The Planning requirement for 20m between adjacent windows ought to be even more desirable between the proposed path and the rear windows of the bungalow.

Para 17.

It should be noted the majority of my earlier correspondence related to the councils initial pre-consultation and Statement of Reasons. This varied somewhat from the final version and informed from the barns had been erected in the 1970's when the alternative path came into use about that time.

The original Statement also stated that the diverted path was intended to be 2.5m in width - as did the earlier consultive letter in 2012.

Para 27(ii)

No such demands or statements have been made by myself or the Society.

The diverted path, if confirmed, will be uncomfortably close to the patio occupants bedroom(s) separated from prying eyes by panel fencing.

I find it difficult to comprehend how this became the 'perverse pleasure' of OSS?

(iv) all are taken out of context.

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