Submitted to Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan 2021 to 2038 Submitted on 2025-02-05 16:56:30
Part 1: personal details
1 Are you responding on behalf of yourself or for someone else?
I'm responding on behalf of myself
2 What is your name?
Name: David Askew
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Part 2: your representation
8 Please write your comments / representation in the box below

Comments:

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I'm writing with regard to the following statement in the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.

Policy W08: Coastal Green Recreation Areas

8.63 Bincleaves Open Space and Underbarn:

"Sections of the Underbarn remain open, whilst there are sections which are temporarily closed. Once safety issues are addressed re-opening the underbarn will increase the use of the space and enable the Coastal Path to be re-routed along the coast."

This footpath passes through our property and was closed in 2001 by a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) due to the risk of landslips.

Unfortunately the Council responding to a local pressure group, and ignoring that we and the majority of landowners were pointing out that the risk of landslips had actually increased.

We also have serious concerns that if it became part of the South West Coast Path we would have 10's of 1000's of people directed through a unstable section of our garden, compounding our erosion problems.

Nevertheless the Council attempted to reopen the footpath across our neighbours land.

The path the Council Rangers cut through was blocked again within a fortnight by a LANDSLIP!

So I am naturally concerned that it would appear that the Council is still intent on reopening the footpath despite the evident increased risk of landslips. Especially after a phone conversation with Dorset Councils Green Space Manager Mr Goff, I was given the impression that due to the multiple landslips

that had occured last winter the Council would no longer be attempting to reopen the closed Underbarn section of the footpath.

I will also point out that the section of footpath that passes through our property is not a PROW (Public Right of Way), but a "Permissive Path" as it was granted by deed in 1950, and as the freeholders we are the "Successors in title" and under the terms of the deed I formally revoked premission for the footpath in a email and signed letter I sent to Mr Goff, which he confirmed receipt of during our phone call.

Copy of deed attached.

Despite our objections to the footpath being reopened in its current position, we are not against it being rerouted across a more suitable, and more easily accessible section of our property, and becoming part of the South West Coast Path.

The views would be far superior as well.

Yours sincerely

Mr D R Askew

9 Would you like to attach a file in relation to your response?

File upload:

1950 Deed (2).jpg was uploaded

10 Do you wish to be notified of Dorset Council's decision to 'make' or refuse to 'make' the neighbourhood plan at the Regulation 19 stage?

Yes

as follows:

- (c) To make and keep in good repair and condition at their expense the said path and in the carrying out of such works maintain the level of the surface thereof to that of the adjoining land of the Grantor
- (d) On the determination of the term for which this

 Grant is made at their own expense to substantially

 block up the said path in such a manner as to effectively

 prevent possible trespassers gaining access thereto
- IF at any time either the Grantor or the Grantees shall give to the other of them not less than twelve calendar months notice in writing expiring after the First day of May One thousand nine hundred and fifty two on the First day of October in any year of her or their intention to determine this Deed then upon the expiration of such notice this Deed and every-thing herein contained shall cease and determine without prejudice to the remedy of the Grantor in respect of any breach of the covenants of the Grantees herein contained including the provisions of clause 2 (d) hereof

IN WITNESS whereof the Grantor hath hereunto