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| <p><b>Name of the Officer</b> completing the evaluation<br/>Shaun Pritchard</p> <p><b>Phone no:</b> 01633 644676<br/><b>E-mail:</b> shaunpritchard@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p> | <p><b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b></p> <p>Diversion of Footpath to accommodate an approved housing development application.</p> |
| <p><b>Name of Service area</b></p> <p>Public Rights of Way, Monlife</p>   | <p><b>Date</b> 03/12/2020</p>  |

**1. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics?** Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.




| Protected Characteristics | Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic   | Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic | What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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| Age                       | Existing path crosses pasture. Proposed path to be made and therefore more accessible for people of all ages.   | None  |   |
| Disability                | Existing path crosses pasture. Proposed path to be partially surfaced with no new structures and have a greater width than current path as per policies on removing barriers enabling more people to enjoy access to the countryside. | None  | Design considered in pre-app with Green Infrastructure Team   |
| Gender reassignment       | Not relevant  |   |   |



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| Marriage or civil partnership | Not relevant   |   |   |
| Pregnancy or maternity        | Not relevant   |   |   |
| Race                          | Not relevant   |   |   |
| Religion or Belief            | Not relevant   |   |   |
| Sex                           | Not relevant   |   |   |
| Sexual Orientation            | Not relevant   |   |   |
| Welsh Language                | Any signage to be bilingual  | None  |   |
| Poverty                       | Enhanced accessibility might help reduce the reliance of cars and public transport and their associated cost. Housing development permitted by the proposed order includes a proportion of affordable housing. | None  |   |

**2. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below?** Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!

| <b>Well Being Goal</b>  | <b>Does the proposal contribute to this goal?<br/>Describe the positive and negative impacts.</b>   | <b>What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b> |
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| <b>A prosperous Wales</b><br>Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs  | Proposal will permit approved planning application to take place which in turn will provide employment, housing and a community park.   |  |
| <b>A resilient Wales</b><br>Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)                                      | Enhanced accessibility might help reduce the reliance of cars and public transport and their associated CO2 emissions. The new community park will be under MCC's control and therefore managed with its biodiversity values. |  |
| <b>A healthier Wales</b><br>People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood   | Enhanced path accessibility and new community park should encourage physical exercise with its health and wellbeing benefits.   |  |
| <b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b><br>Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected   | Enhanced accessibility encourage more people to spend time outdoors helping to cement community bonds   |  |
| <b>A globally responsible Wales</b><br>Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing                                | Enhanced accessibility could help reduce reliance on cars and public transport and therefore their associated CO2 emissions.  |  |
| <b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</b><br>Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation | Community park will provide open space to allow exercise and sport. Signage under MCC's control would be bilingual  |  |
| <b>A more equal Wales</b><br>People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances   | Community park will provide open space for all. Additionally, the path might help reduce the reliance on cars and public transport with their associated costs.   |  |

### 3. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

| Sustainable Development Principle  | Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.  | Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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|  <p>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p> | <p>The proposal by its nature is long term</p>   |   |
|  <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>       | <p>Proposed path alignment, materials and construction details determined by working with the developer.</p>   |   |
|  <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>          | <p>Usual, ecologists, user groups, community groups and statutory undertakers were consulted also a number of residents who live adjacent to the site as well as those that commented at planning stage on the path.</p> |   |

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|  <p><b>Prevention</b></p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>   | <p>Much of the new path alignment to be made up to a durable, high quality standard. This should ensure that the path remains in good condition and suitable for its purpose for a long time before any problems occur.</p>  |  |
|  <p><b>Integration</b></p> <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p> | <p><i>.There is space to describe impacts on people, economy and environment under the Wellbeing Goals above, so instead focus here on how you will better integrate them and balance any competing impacts. Also think about impacts the proposal may have on other organisations</i></p> | <p>The proposal will indirectly allow the building of houses on green fields adjacent to existing dwellings. This will no doubt of an impact on the views from and character of the existing settlement.</p> |

**4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Social Justice, Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?**

|                | Describe any positive impacts your proposal has | Describe any negative impacts your proposal has  | What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts? |
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| Social Justice | Not relevant                                    |  |  |
| Safeguarding   | Not relevant                                    | <p><i>.Safeguarding is about ensuring that everything is in place to promote the well-being of children and vulnerable adults, preventing them from being harmed and protecting those who are at risk of abuse and neglect</i></p> |  |

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| Corporate Parenting | Not relevant |  |  |
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**5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?**

The proposal has principally informed by the approved planning application but also takes into account the following.

- Town & Country Planning Act 1990 s257
- Welsh Government Guidance for Local Authorities on Public Rights of Way October 2016
- Monmouthshire County Council Application & Guidance Pack for Public Path Diversion and Extinguishment Orders under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s257
- Environment (Wales) Act 2016
- Equality Act 2010
- Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013
- Consultation Responses
- The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015
  - Monmouthshire's Countryside Access Improvement Plan
  - Monmouthshire's Countryside Access Policy, Protocol and operational management guide

**6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?**

The proposal will allow approved development (DM/2019/01761 ) which some local residents see as having a negative impact on their character of the area, such as loss of views and immediate access to open countryside. The development will however provide employment, 130 dwellings including a proportion of affordable houses and a community park. The community park will provide a large area of public open space. Access to open countryside will still be available.

**7. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.**

| What are you going to do  | When are you going to do it? | Who is responsible |
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| L & R Committee report  | 17 December 2020             | R Rourke           |
| Make Order (depending on result of above) and consider objections to it if any are made |                              |                    |

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**8. VERSION CONTROL:** The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.

| <b>Version No.</b> | <b>Decision making stage</b> | <b>Date considered</b>  | <b>Brief description of any amendments made following consideration</b> |
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| <b>1</b>           | Council                      | <b>17 December 2020</b> | <i>To be decided</i>  |
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