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## Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

<b>Name of the Officer</b> completing the evaluation Shaun Pritchard  <b>Phone no:</b> 01633 644676 <b>E-mail:</b> shaunpritchard@monmouthshire.gov.uk	<b>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</b>  Diversion of Footpath to accommodate an approved planning application for .a stable block for 5 horses, an ancillary storage building and a manège.
<b>Name of Service area</b>  Countryside Access, Monlife	<b>Date</b> 12/06/2025

**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.





<b>Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</b>	<b>Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic</b>	<b>What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</b>
Age	Proposed new path alignment includes gates. The existing alignment includes a stile which older people with mobility issues often find difficult or impossible to negotiate.	None	
Disability	Proposed new path alignment includes gates. The existing alignment includes a stile which people with mobility issues often find difficult or impossible to negotiate.	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. The leisure facilities provided by the development work itself might help support the local economy.	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!

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<b>A prosperous Wales</b> Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	Proposal will permit approved planning application to take place which in turn could provide employment.	
<b>A resilient Wales</b> 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.	
<b>A healthier Wales</b> People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Enhanced path accessibility could help facilitate physical exercise with its health and wellbeing benefits.	
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities</b> 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> 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> Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	The development will provide sporting facilities.. Signage under MCC's control would be bilingual.	
<b>A more equal Wales</b> People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The proposed new path alignment will be accessible to more people making for a fairer society.	

### 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?
 <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 and consultees.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>MCC officers, user groups, community groups and statutory undertakers were consulted as well as neighbouring landowners.</p>	
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The path's proposed new alignment runs away from the proposed active stable buildings away from any possible sources of conflict. The proposed path alignment is also likely to remain undisturbed by activity adjacent to the proposed stable blocks.</p>	

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?
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The views from the proposed path alignment might subjectively be as good as from the path;s existing alignment. However this impact is likely to be minimal and the proposed path will be more accessible than the existing path.</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?
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>	
Corporate Parenting	Not relevant		

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 representations claim will have a negative impact on the heritage, biodiversity and views of the area. Not all consultees agree however and any detrimental impact is likely to be minimal. The development will however provide improved path accessibility.

**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
T & R Committee report	23 July 2025	R Rourke
Make Order (depending on result of above) and consider objections to it if any are made		

**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>
<b>1</b>	Council	<b>23 July 2025</b>	<i>To be decided</i>