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To: Pritchard, Shaun <ShaunPritchard@monmouthshire.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Land at Waterpits , Five Lanes, Caerwent , NP26 5PG CAMS18280

Dear Mr Pritchard

Thank you for your email.

I last walked the footpath with yourself as an unannounced visit back in March 2023 following our viewing of ***** footpath.

The visit was at my request.

On the day of our visit there were no signs of the landowner obstructing the walkers ability to walk the existing footpath.

There was a CCTV camera overlooking the footpath which would be intimidating to most walkers but I know this is a very grey area regarding cctv and its use. I believe sharing photographic images from a public highway could be a breach of data protection.

I have seen a similar CCTV set up on a cross field footpath in Cornwall and it does feel intimidating.

Both ***** & my concerns of field edge footpaths is that they can become overgrown very quickly and then become impassable.

The landowner in this instant had already fenced in the proposed footpath D to C and had a field gate already in place at point C if by memory is correct.

The proposed footpath is 3 mtr wide and would be easier to maintain and less likely to be come overgrown.

The road at point D was slightly wider and therefore the exit via a kissing gate on to the road in my opinion would be safer than the current exit over a stile at point A.

Purely on the suitability of the proposed footpath diversion, I have no objection.

I do however share the concerns of *****and hope that your reminders to the landowner regarding maintaining the legal alignment will stop further conflict.

For information I had no direct contact from *****after you passed my details on.

Best Regards

Stephen Garland
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Lower Wye Ramblers