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Equality and Future Generations Evaluation

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Name of Service area Public Rights of Way, Monlife	Date 23/02/2025

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.

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?
Age	The proposed path would be safer for the public because it takes the path from the cricket field and past machine sheds.	None.	
Disability	The existing path follows a path over a field. The proposed path would be over a more level made path as well as a grass path.	None.	
Gender reassignment	. Not applicable.		

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Marriage or civil partnership	Not applicable.		
Pregnancy or maternity	Not applicable.		
Race	Not applicable.		
Religion or Belief	Not applicable.		
Sex	Not applicable.		
Sexual Orientation	Not applicable.		
Welsh Language	Any signage will be bilingual.	None	
Poverty	Enhanced accessibility might help reduce the reliance of cars and public transport and their associated cost.	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?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	Not applicable.	
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Not applicable.	
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Any action to improve the rights of way network can encourage physical exercise with its health and wellbeing benefits.	
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	The application seeks to improve the public rights of way network which can encourage more people to spend time outdoors and help to link communities.	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Enhancing the rights of way network can help promote active travel and reduce reliance on cars and public transport and therefore reduce emissions.	
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	Any action to improve the rights of way network can encourage physical exercise with its health and wellbeing benefits and enables people to enjoy local heritage. Signage under MCC's control would be bilingual	

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?
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The use of the rights of way network is non-discriminatory, although some disabilities may prevent the safe use of some paths.	This proposal improves the nature of the surface of the path, takes the path on to a safer route, and removes some limitations that exist in the current path.

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?
 Long Term Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future	The proposal, by its nature, is long term.	
 Collaboration Working together with other partners to deliver objectives	Not applicable.	

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?
 Involvement Involving those with an interest and seeking their views	The usual interested user groups, MCC Departments (Ecology/Biodiversity), community groups and statutory undertakers were consulted as part of the path order process.	
 Prevention Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse	The current path runs over a grass field and MCC has responsibility to maintain the surface for path users. The new path would run over a made path which would be hard wearing and be more usable year round.	
 Integration Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies	The use of the rights of way network can have a positive impact upon the users health and wellbeing.	

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 applicable.		
Safeguarding	Not applicable.		
Corporate Parenting	Not applicable.		

5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

The proposal was instigated by the path order application and takes into account the following:

- Highways Act 1980 S119.
- 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 Highways Act 1980 Section 119.
- 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
- Other interested parties' communications.

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 could allow, what has generally been accepted as a positive and necessary change to the rights of way network. There has been one objection which has prevented this path order being made under delegated powers. The proposal is, I believe, an improvement to the path and this in turn should encourage greater use of the route if authorised.

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
L & R Committee report	23 rd February 2026	Ruth Rourke. Countryside Access Manager
Make Order (depending on result of above) and consider objections to it if any are made	To be confirmed.	

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.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1	Council	23 rd February 2026	