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Sent: 03 February 2023 15:27
To: Ellen Senior
Subject: RE: SECTION 119 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - Proposed Diversion of Footpath I63a Ratcliffe on the Wreake

Hi Ellen

For some reason this matter seems to have slipped through the net at my end and I never replied.

I see that the matter is due to go to the Development Control and Regulatory Board later this month.

As one of the Objectors is a member of the Ramblers and that the Parish council were opposing the diversion the Ramblers should also object.

Presently the path to be diverted is through a meadow, it is **not** part of Priory House gardens. At the moment the path has a totally open aspect and there is very little opportunity for the path to become enclosed. With the proposed route there is every opportunity that the path, in the future, could become enclosed. We note that the width between F and D, on the plan, is 4m which will help should this be the case.

The proposal will have the same amount of boundary crossings as the present route but it is highly likely that an additional gate will be required on the boundary at E-F, this would be unacceptable as it will retard the progress of path users.

The path was diverted to the current route in 1997. Therefore the present owner was well aware of the path and where it was before they purchased the property. If the path was an issue perhaps they should have considered this at the time. The previous diversion created a dog-leg in what was a relatively straight path. The proposed diversion will make this dog-leg worse.

Whilst we will not be addressing the Development Control and Regulatory Board we would like our opinions to be included.

Many thanks

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