

Ellen Senior

From: Ellen Senior
Sent: 30 October 2023 12:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Munira Patel
Subject: RE: Preliminary Consultations - Proposed diversion of public footpaths E53 and E54 (parts) at Edmonthorpe, in the Parish of Wymondham, and the Borough of Melton - MP/HTWMT/5612

1. CTC Correspondence

Dear Mr Hill,

Thank you for your comments on the proposed diversion of Footpath E53 at Edmondthorpe, I can understand your thoughts when looking at the map. However, there are two or three reasons why it wasn't so straight forward to pick an alternative route for the footpath.

The boundary between the two properties of Church Farm and Stoneycroft largely consists of an old retaining wall. Between A and B the footpath drops down. To follow your line would mean knocking a gap in the wall at point B and possibly steps or construction of a slope which would be quite an engineering job. Added to that is the fact that Edmondthorpe is a conservation area and alterations to the wall may not be looked on favourably.

Aside from those practical reasons, you may not be aware, but at the moment the Footpath finishes at point A which does not in fact connect to the recorded highway network. There is a "missing link" between point A and Main Street. Moving the exit of the Footpath to point F solves this anomaly and legally reconnects the footpath to the road.

There are always pros and cons in looking at a proposed diversion and in this case the onward connection to Dairy Lane and resolution of the missing link, added to the landowner's initial request and practicalities seems to weigh in favour of the proposal.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of my email and having considered the above, confirm to Munira whether or not it would be your intention to object to the proposal should the County Council decide to proceed.

Kind Regards,
Ellen

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From: Munira Patel <Munira.Patel@leics.gov.uk>
Sent: 26 October 2023 13:20
To: Ellen Senior <Ellen.Senior@leics.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Preliminary Consultations - Proposed diversion of public footpaths E53 and E54 (parts) at Edmonthorpe, in the Parish of Wymondham, and the Borough of Melton - MP/HTWMT/5612

Hi Ellen,

Please see attachment and comments from Mr Hill.

Kind Regards

Munira Patel

Legal Assistant | Environment & Property
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From: Roger Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 October 2023 12:21
To: Munira Patel <Munira.Patel@leics.gov.uk>
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With the attachment!

This seems a very convoluted plan just to move a footpath a bit further from a house.
Why not use a diversion similar to the one I have drawn on the plan in orange, going from point B to point A on the other side of the fence / wall? After all point A is already in it.

Roger Hill

On 20/10/2023 13:51, Munira Patel wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

**SECTION 119 - HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
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IN THE PARISH OF WYMONDHAM, AND THE BOROUGH OF MELTON
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2023**

An application has been received for the diversion of public footpaths E53 and E54 at Edmonthorpe, in the parish of Wymondham, and the borough of Melton as shown on Plan No. 2647 attached hereto.

The diversion has been requested in the interests of the applicant to move Footpath E53 from a route which crosses the garden of Church Farmhouse, running very close to the residential building. The alternative path would remain on the farmland and then exit directly onto Main Street. Moving Footpath E53 necessitates the redirection of Footpath E54 to maintain its connectivity of to the highway network.

I have consulted with the Director of Environment and Transport who has stated that should the proposal be approved, the alternative footpath will be subject to the following conditions:-

1. Provide an LCC standard or equivalent kissing gate and stone up within the "hoop" and its approaches at point F on the plan.
2. Install an LCC standard yellow-topped waymark post at points E and G on the plan.
3. Ensure that point G does not become a muddy depression by installing hardstanding and drainage if necessary.
4. Relocate the Footpath fingerpost to point F on the plan.

5. The new sections of Footpath will have a specified width of 3m.

6. The applicant has also undertaken to make improvements at the access to Footpath E53 from Teigh Road, by enhancing the gates and the drainage.

I should be pleased if you would let me have your observations on this proposal by 1st December 2023 or advise if it would be your intention to object to the proposal should the Council decide to make the Order.

Kind Regards

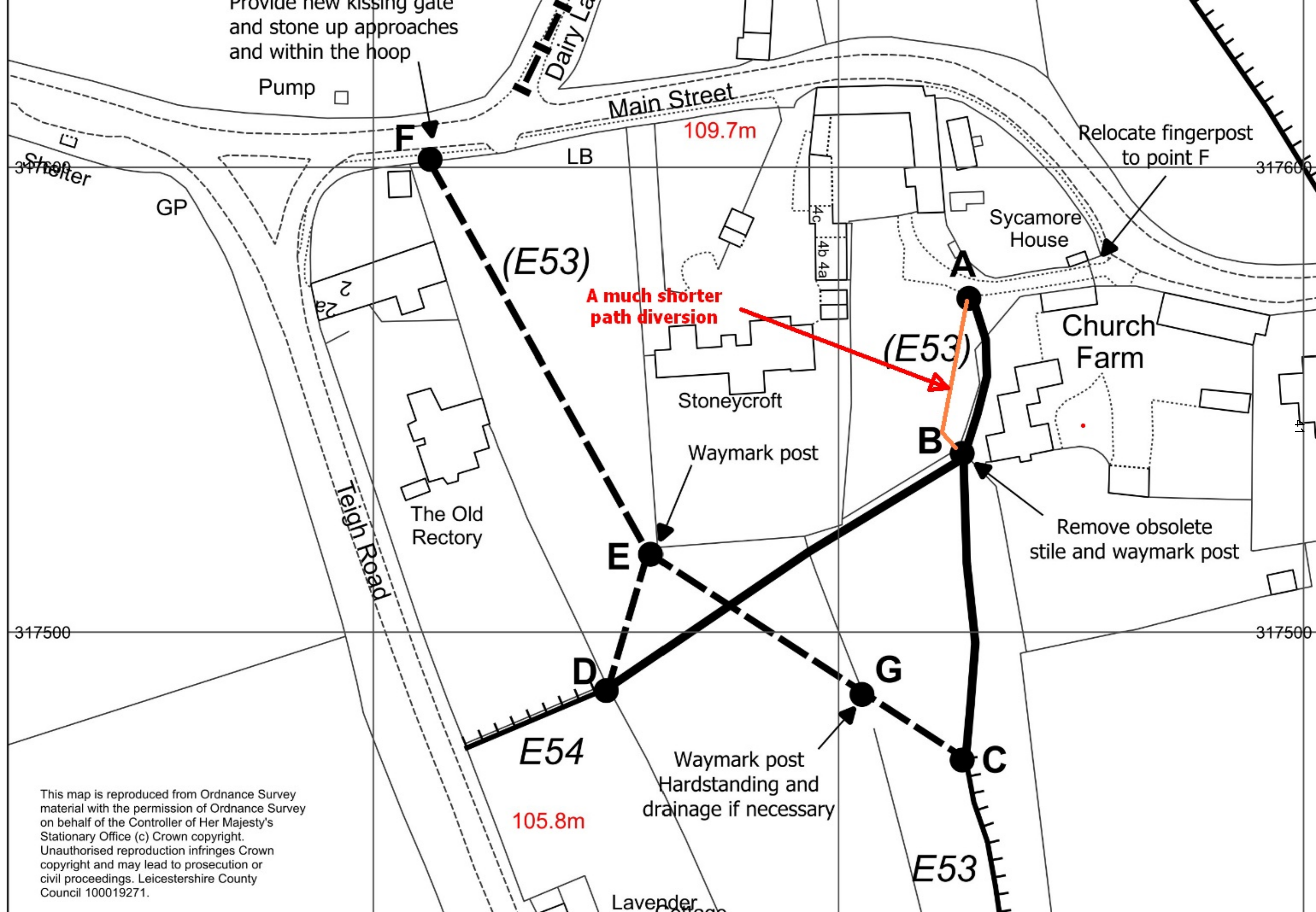
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From: Terry Brown <wepc.clerk@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: 06 December 2023 10:28
To: Ellen Senior
Subject: Re: Proposed Diversion of Footpaths E53 and E54 Edmondthorpe

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Thank you for this but no response is to be made

Terry Brown
Parish Clerk

On Tuesday, 5 December 2023 at 17:42:01 GMT, Ellen Senior <ellen.senior@leics.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I refer to the consultation email (20/10/2023) concerning the proposed diversion of parts of Public Footpaths E53 and E54 at Edmondthorpe. The deadline for correspondence on this matter has passed but I note that the County Council hasn't received any response on the matter from the Parish Council. I can see from the draft minutes of the meeting held on 6th November that the consultation was received but there is no record of any discussion.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether or not there was anything to report from the Parish Council on the proposed diversion before I move the case on.

Kind Regards,

Ellen

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3. Leicestershire Footpath Association correspondence

Ellen Senior

From: Ellen Senior
Sent: 10 October 2024 12:40
To: Ellen Senior
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From: David Pollard [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 October 2023 17:15
To: Munira Patel <Munira.Patel@leics.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Preliminary Consultations - Proposed diversion of public footpaths E53 and E54 (parts) at Edmonthorpe, in the Parish of Wymondham, and the Borough of Melton - MP/HTWMT/5612

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Good afternoon Munira

Leicestershire Footpath Association objects to this application. We agree that the proposed diversion would be more convenient for walkers who wish to proceed from E53 and E54 onto E46 going northwards (or vice versa). However, it is clearly less convenient for walkers who wish to access the village, or villagers who wish to access that part of the footpath network. And the arguments in favour of diverting it away from the applicant's property are not strong. On balance, therefore, we oppose the application. I have had some prior contact from the applicant's agent and I have let her know our thinking as a matter of courtesy.

Best wishes

Dave Pollard
 Diversions Secretary LFA

From: Munira Patel <Munira.Patel@leics.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 1:52 PM
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