

RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

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To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

VAYNOR 39

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To make amendments to the Definitive Map and Statement in relation to Vaynor 39.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 Vaynor 39 forms part of the Taff Trail and is recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement as bridleway Vaynor 39.

1.2 The Route

1.3 Vaynor 39, as depicted on the plan, commences at Point A, grid reference SO04440988 and proceeds in a general north-easterly direction to terminate at Point C, grid reference SO06081056.

At Point B, grid reference SO04590994 there is a K barrier; a cattle grid; horse pass and vehicle barrier.

1.4 Removal / Addition of Furniture

1.5 In order to improve the experience of the users of the Taff Trail the Council is in the process of reviewing the furniture placed along the Taff Trail. Recommendations

were made at the Trails Development Group to create a uniform style for all barriers and access furniture along the Taff Trail.

- 1.6 One of the recommendations was that there should be a removal of barriers that fell within the middle sections of each part of the Trail so that there would only be a barrier (furniture) at the end of each section of the Trail. The Trails Development Group recommended that the furniture at Point B be removed. This is acceptable to the Rights of Way diversion.
- 1.7 The Council is under a duty to keep the Definitive Map and Statement up to date. Under s53(4) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 the Definitive Statement will require altering where there have been any alterations in respect of any limitations or conditions affecting the public right of way thereover. The removal of the furniture at Point B is caught by this section and therefore it is necessary for the Council to make a Definitive Map Modification Order to reflect this.
- 1.8 The legal background is to be found in Agenda Item 3.

2.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 Officers time is involved in writing the report. There will be a financial implication in removing the furniture and making the surface good and erecting a small section of fencing, advertising the Order and also for dealing with the Public Inquiry if an Order is made and there are objections made. This would be met out of the existing rights of way budget.

3.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time. The screening form can be accessed on the Council's website/intranet via the 'Equality Impact Assessment' link.
- 3.2 The positive impacts are for the users of the Trail making access easier for all by removing the structures.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION(S) that

- 4.1
 - a) A Definitive Map Modification Order be made to reflect the alterations.
 - b) To approve the confirmation of the Definitive Map Modification Order made as a result of (a) above provided no objections or representations are made within the prescribed period or if any objections or representations so made are withdrawn.
 - c) If any objections or representations are made within the prescribed period and not subsequently withdrawn then to refer the relevant Order to the Planning Inspectorate for determination.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Vaynor 39	Ongoing	Unit 5