

Roberts, Ali

From: Roberts, Ali
Sent: 13 August 2025 12:54
To: Roberts, Ali
Subject: FW: P/2023/013 - proposed diversion of Purton 104

Good morning Ali,

I would like to comment on the letters and emails submitted regarding P/2023/013 - Proposed diversion of Purton 104

Please see below;

David Miles email - 17/07/2025 22:50:03

I dispute the line below – It should be clear to any user that the Inspector insisted the path be cleared, which it was and since 2011 it has been cleared continuously

“The landowner has clearly allowed the right of way to become overgrown to attempt”...

I dispute the line below – no hedgerows were removed, the foliage was predominantly random (Per Area Countryside Access Officer Stephen Leonard’s comments – it was “mostly elder and Hazel”), which per above, was instructed to be removed

“additionally, by removing hedgerows from the right of way has in turn made “....

I dispute the line below – I did not make the point below, the reality is that the vast majority of path users are impeccably behaved. However, others have used it, not for the purpose of walking but as access for an alternative motive, leading to some of the issues we have raised

“To suggest that the issues are caused by the Purton walking community is a poor attempt t”

Neil Miles email - 16/07/2025 16:17:17

I dispute the line below – there are now fewer gates/styles than before I arrived. The gates in place are necessary (and any changes were approved by Wilts Council) for the enclosure of livestock

“The gates referred to as obstructions were installed by the landowner to do just that”....

Richard Pagett letter- 29 June 2025

I dispute the line below. The evidence is clearly listed

“A lot of scepticism is warranted since much of the above, if these did occur, most, if not all, would be the subject of police reports, of which there is no evidence.”

I dispute the line below – Following the inquiry, the inspector mandated the removal of the foliage. Which was conducted by Wiltshire Council

When the public inquiry dismissed the original attempt to divert Mud Lane, the landowner promptly cut down the hedges and trees, and the wildflowers disappeared in order to encourage walkers to use the permissive route;

Ann Miles – email 16/07/2025 15:34:11

I dispute the line below: No viable trees or hedgerows were cut down. Per Area Countryside Access Officer Stephen Leonard’s comments – it was “mostly elder and Hazel”

“The owner has removed a significant number of Trees and hedgerow from Mud Lane”

Nicole Schaps - 08/07/2025 10:03:58

I dispute the line below – Nicole is mistaken - Path 104 runs parallel with the farmhouse and the multiple North-facing windows, and conservatory - the distance from the Path to the windows is <2m
“Furthermore, the RoW does not pass in front of the windows as it passes to the right of the property.”

Purton Parish Council - 22/07/2025 08:36:31

I dispute the line below: No ancient hedgerow was removed. Following the inquiry, the inspector mandated the removal of the foliage. This was conducted by Wiltshire Council . Per Area Countryside Access Officer Stephen Leonard’s comments – it was “mostly elder and Hazel”.

The Parish Council would like to see the reinstallation of the ancient hedgerow removed by the applicant

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