

Dear Ms Roberts,

I previously lodged an objection to the original application for moving the footpath SMAN13 in Sutton Mandeville and although I am aware that modifications have now been made, I remain of the view that the original footpath should not be changed.

My main reason for this is the historical significance of the original path and the fact that it should not have been tampered with in the first place by removing the original surrounding hedges that hid walkers from the land/householders view. History should not be erased for the convenience of people that will live next to it for only a brief moment in it's history.

A further reason is the new compromised route proposed seems a strange one - to walk around a vegetable patch that for a large part of the year will be empty and still offer little more privacy than the original especially if they are working in the vegetable patch.

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Hello Ali

John Prince suggested I email you a copy of my objection letter to the moving of SMAN13. I live [REDACTED] opposite to where the new proposed gate and path position they are hoping to move it to. I have already sent it to the general email on the website.

kind regards
Peter Ellis

OBJECTION to moving SMAN13 Sutton Mandeville
We register a strong objection to the application to move this public RoW for the following reasons.

1. When someone buys a property with a public RoW footpath you know what you are letting yourself in for and have a moral duty to look after and maintain this ancient and historic right of way. This clearly is not something the current owners seems to have taken into account or have held up with the developments and landscaping that have already taken a heavy toll on the footpath. It was their choice to develop and build and make themselves far more public. Sighting privacy and security concerns for both themselves and the general public is therefore a complete irrelevance and should not be taken into consideration.

Apart from public enjoyment the single most important point is maintaining around a thousand years of history and not wiping that off the map for a few peoples convenience during their brief years of ownership of the property and land. If this is aloud it will be seen as a precedent for other people to apply to do similar and set things on a slippery slope. The country side is under enough pressure by developers, population growth and environmental changes and this is one thing that can still be preserved with the correct decision not to allow the requested application.

2. The new proposed location running up besides the planned solar array will not be an attractive walk with that on one side and hedge on the other. It also has a very steep rise up to the top which apart from the very young would be a struggle for the average person. I have personally scrambled up that bank just 20 feet left from the proposed route and had to use trees to pull myself up in parts.

3. The proposed new location would be to close to SMAN 3 making it almost redundant especially as SMAN 3 would be a much easier walk.

4. The gate entrance to this proposed path site is not as safe a location as the original being at the junction of Sutton Hill with Panter's Road where cars and lorries are often forced to reverse when trying to turn into the single lane Panter's Road if a car or lorry is coming down it. I have often witnessed cars, vans, tractors and lorries pulling out of Panter's Road into Sutton Hill at far too fast speeds with little heed for anyone walking, riding or driving along. It is a bit of a blind spot.

5. Installation of the gate will also require tearing out the historic hedgerow and bank and would be sitting next to the attractive old style road direction sign and in front of or besides the drain which is not a particularly acceptable idea.

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