

P/2022/0066 (Chirk footpath 18) Lady Margaret's Park Camp Site

With reference to planning application P/2022/0066 (Chirk footpath 18) Lady Margaret's Park Camp Site

After consulting the online planning documentation I have carried out a site visit on behalf of WCBC Public Rights of Way (PROW). I have a couple of concerns; the 1.8 metre palisade fence between the footpath and the proposed new site would create a tunnel effect for users of the path taking away the natural open feel. When leaving the pedestrian bridge leaving from the B4500 and crossing the old cutting for the Glyn Valley Tramway the user would be presented with a 1.8m fence straight in front of them. This may well lead to users feeling 'hemmed in' and may potentially cause anti-social behaviour issues as natural surveillance of the path will decrease.

I'm unsure to why the fencing needs to be this tall for this short section of boundary fence as the fencing alongside the original site is wooden posts and stock fencing to approx. 1.2m in height. The new fencing to the east of the existing telegraph pole will also be to 1.2m in height and of a stock proof design. From a PROW point of view a 1.2m high fence the whole way along would retain the existing natural flow of the footpath and conserve the softer landscaping aspect either side of the path.

The planning application plan layout states a gate will be erected to link the new site to the existing public right of way. The gate should not open on to the public right of way, please see below.

Highways Act 1980

Section 153 Doors etc. in streets not to open outwards.

- (1) A door, gate or bar which is put up on any premises and opens on a street shall be so put up as not to open outwards unless, in the case of a door, gate or bar put up on a public building, the local authority for the area in which the building is situated and also, if the street is a highway, the highway authority consent to its being otherwise put up.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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