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Subject: RE: Lea Castle Farm Quarry Ref 19/000053/BHS Additional Comments

Hi Steve

My concerns about the original upgrade still exist.

If an alternative bridleway route, that would be of benefit to the network, could be agreed, where it is within the applicants power to dedicate the route, then we would be happy to consider this.

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Kind Regards

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I have now received further comments from the BHS on Lea Castle Farm Quarry. Please see their comments below, I understand they have no objections to the proposal in principle, but object to the removal upgrades to WR-623 as originally proposed, and as recommended by the County Footpath Officer.

Do you wish to make any comments / response to this?

I understand the proposed change was a result of your comments stating:

- The proposed upgrade of footpaths WC-622 and WC-623 to a bridleway
- x The route has steps at both ends which would be unsuitable for horses at the Lea Lane ends this is a significant rise in level.

- x I have concerns about horses accessing onto the Wolverley Road at the southern end of footpath WC-622 as the road is very busy and fast moving and has only a narrow footway.
- x The gap in the brick wall at this point is not currently wide enough for horses.
- x The northern end of path does not currently follow the definitive line but exits through the brick wall opposite Lea House and we believe this to be an informal rerouting of long standing. The exit at this point is not wide enough for horses.
- x Any upgrade of these routes will request full agreement from the landowner and I am not clear if this land is owned by the quarry site.
- x In order for the current route to be upgraded to a bridleway the width will need to 3m at a minimum and possibly wider if the area is enclosed. This width is not currently possible along much of the route.
- x It may be more suitable to look at alternative routes which could be dedicated rather than a try to upgrade the existing route. This would need to have a definitive benefit to the network for us to be keen to accept the dedication.

We would therefore feel that we would not be able to support all the amendments proposed by the public rights of way plan at this point. However we would not be against the principle of additional dedications but feel these would need some amendments to ensure new routes are workable and of benefit to the network.

Thanks

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Kedd Ltd, because it would deliver the benefit to riders of an access point on the western side of the site via Lea Lane. This is significant for two reasons

1. It gives riders an alternative access point to the proposed new dedicated public bridleways on the quarry site (the existing public bridleways ~~WP625~~ and ~~WP626~~ running North-South exit on to the busy Wolverley Road to the south and Castle Road to the north).
2. It links to other public bridleways and quieter lanes ~~to the west~~ in the Drakelow and Blakeshall areas.

The objections raised to the upgrade of ~~FP623~~ to public bridleway are worth overcoming to achieve significant benefits for riders and other users.

We know from recent discussions with Robin Smith ~~that~~ the landowner is open to consideration of ways round any issues with a western access route for riders, including exiting on to Lea Lane at a different point. We therefore propose a site visit with representation from the interested parties to find solutions that ensure this key benefit to riders and to the network is delivered.

We support the inclusion of a bridleway to the east of ~~FP622~~ instead of upgrading ~~FP622~~