Wellington Walkers are Welcome

Footpath Secretarys Report - AGM Sunday 18/08/24

My responsibilities continue to be centred mainly on dealing with footpath queries received via Facebook and email, and commenting on and checking compliance of planning applications and other proposals that we have been made aware of that may have an impact on the Rights of Way in our area.

I have represented WWaW on the Local Access Forum meetings, of which there have been 3 since our last AGM. Following the appointment of a new chairperson, these meetings are now back on a regular schedule.

There has been little progress within the LAF on the formation of a Planning Application Advisory Sub-Group, which was proposed by the Telford & Wrekin Senior Rights of Way Officer in 2022, on which I initially volunteered to represent WWaW.

In conjunction with my role as Path Maintenance Team Organiser, I have reported issues to and continued to lobby the Telford & Wrekin Rights of Way team to expedite repairs or replacement of footpath furniture and signage, and clearance of major blockages, including enforcement of land owners to reinstate Rights of Way after cropping.

I have compiled and submitted collective reports on behalf of our committee on various planning proposals.

Most notably the revision of the Telford and Wrekin Draft Local Plan 2023 which includes significant ' Sustainable Urban Extensions' (Housing, Commercial, and Employment developments) to the north of Wellington extending from Bratton, across through Wappenshall, to Eyton on the Weald Moors. Our comments and suggestions were restricted to impacts on existing Right of Way, and possible improvements and extensions.

We also commented on the planning application to create a Pay & Display car park on the 'Donkey Field' at the foot of the Wrekin.

If you are aware of footpath issues that you feel we may be able to assist with, please contact us via :

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