

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

GENERAL REPORT

1. The General Purposes Committee met on 11 October 2006 and this report briefly summarises the only matter considered at the meeting.

Highways Act 1980 – Section 118 Proposed Extinguishment of Part of Public Footpath No 34 Withnell and Creation of Public Footpath from Public Footpath No 38 to Public Footpath No 37 Withnell

2. We received a report of the Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services on a proposal submitted by Lancashire County Council for the diversion of a length of Public Footpath No 34, Withnell, at Benson's Farm, Abbey Village, Withnell.
3. The reason for the proposed footpath extinguishment/creation represents one of the commonest put forward ie the desire to take a right of way out of the middle of residential/working buildings and re-route it around the periphery of such a site and re-establish it on a new line close by. In this instance this would be achieved by using part of the line of another existing path and in part through the creation of a new length of path. The proposal is therefore in keeping with most other diversions that have been pursued in recent years.
4. We agreed that no objection be raised to the making by Lancashire County Council of a Public Path Extinguishment Order for the purpose of extinguishing a length of Public Footpath No 34 as well as no objection for the provision of a new route to replace that length of Public Footpath No 34 Withnell, which the County Council propose be extinguished.

Recommendation

- 5.. The Council is recommended to note this report.

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Chairman of General Purposes Committee

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There are no background papers to this report.