

## Planning Sub-Committee (Public Rights of Way)

Meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10am.

### **Late Representation in relation to Agenda Item 8.**

Email Correspondence:

**From:** max wallis

**Sent:** 05 January 2022 18:39

**To:** Thomas, Sandra

**Subject:** Re: Footpath No.6 St Donats; coastal roll-back S4/6

Thank you for explaining your reasons for defining the new path as only 1.5 metres wide. less than for most other paths that come up for consideration.

I note your reason is a wish to avoid cutting into the hedge. This reason is not serious; you cut into other hedges when accepting WGovt funds for creating the Wales Coastal Path. If you showed this hedge is important for biodiversity, you have the option of setting back the fence.

The Coastal path standards at <https://cdn.cyfoethnaturiol.cymru/media/681873/nt-wcp-standards-2016-v31.pdf> include

*S1 Surfaces and surroundings should be unobstructed so that they are readily passable by users*

This criterion is not whether you have any record of complaints over the narrowness, but whether the 1.5m path is "readily passable", hemmed in by a hedge (which grows between maintenance times) and the fence. Standard S1 says not only the defined path but also the "surroundings should be unobstructed". The Council has cleared back 0.5m or more on each side of other parts of the Coastal Path for this reason.

We expect therefore, to maintain our objection to this diversion, until you come up with a proposal to meet the S1 Standard.

We also pointed out the section near point C is at the top of an eroding/sliding coastal slope; in default of stabilisation works on this part of the national asset for which the Vale Council is responsible - the Wales Coastal Path - we ask that the field fence is set back so the path can be rolled back at this point when needed in future years.

Max Wallis

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On Wed, 5 Jan 2022 at 17:34, Thomas, Sandra wrote:

Dear Mr Wallis

## Proposed diversion of Footpath No.6 St Donats

A meeting of the Council's Planning Sub Committee – Public Rights of Way will be held at 10:00am on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. A report detailing our proposal to divert public footpath No.6 St Donats will be presented to the Committee, the report will recommend that the Council, being the relevant highway authority proceed with the making of an Order to divert part of Footpath No.6 St Donats and subject to no objections being received, to confirm the Order.

At the moment I'm not clear on the format of the meeting but I'm presuming it will be held via Teams or Zoom, please contact my colleague Gareth Davies, Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer - [gjdavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:gjdavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk) for information on how to view the meeting. If you wish to speak at the meeting please register to speak via the Council's web site [https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/Council-Structure/Public-Participation-at-Council-Meetings.aspx](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/Public-Participation-at-Council-Meetings.aspx)

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Kind regards

Sandra

Sandra Thomas

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**From:** Thomas, Sandra

**Sent:** 22 September 2021 15:19

**To:** max wallis

**Subject:** RE: Footpath No.6 St Donats; coastal roll-back S4/6

Dear Mr Wallis

Thank you for responding to my consultation.

We don't agree that the width available now is insufficient, your proposal to increase the width would involve cutting into the hedgerow which we would like to avoid if at all possible. As you have noted the proposal implements the de-facto situation already in place, we have received no complaints relating to the width of the path or difficulty in passing on the path.

The coastline is regularly monitored and if in the future the path appears to be at risk we will contact the landowner regarding the moving of the path to the landward side of the fence line.

Would you please contact me to indicate if it is your intention to object to the proposal as it stands.

Many thanks  
Sandra Thomas

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**From:** max wallis  
**Sent:** 25 July 2021 11:40  
**To:** Thomas, Sandra  
**Subject:** Footpath No.6 St Donats; coastal roll-back S4/6

Thank you for sending details of this proposal.

We agree with it in principle; it appears to implement the de-facto situation already in place.

This is part of the Wales Coastal Path; we would ask if the changes give a path of appropriate high standard?

The section D-E is narrow, hemmed in by the fence; 1.5m width is hardly adequate for passing a group of walkers as commonly encountered on this route.

The section near point C is at the top of the sliding coastal slope; if no stabilisation works are proposed, we ask that the field fence is set back so the path can be rolled back at this point if needed in future years.

Max Wallis

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