

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Development and Conservation Control 7th April 2004
Committee
AUTHOR/S: Finance and Resources Director

PUBLIC FOOTPATH RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME IN WEST WRATTING FOOTPATH NO. 8

Recommendation: To respond to consultation

Purpose

1. To consider a proposal from Cambridgeshire County Council.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2. The footpath and bridleway network in South Cambridgeshire makes a significant contribution to the quality of people's lives, and encourages them to travel other than by car.

Background

3. This Council has already been consulted on a number of other elements of this complex reorganisation.

Considerations

4. In response to a request from West Wrattling Parish Council, Cambridgeshire County Council is consulting on an alternative to the proposed new route for Public Footpath No. 8 in West Wrattling. The latest proposal is for a cross-field path. The plan attached as **Appendix I** to this report shows "Option A", about which South Cambridgeshire District Council has already been consulted, and "Option B", which is the Parish Council's preferred line for the path.

Options

5. This Authority has been asked to pass its views to the County Council, which is the Order-making Authority. Its two options are referred to in paragraph 4 above, and clearly marked on the attached plan.

Financial Implications

6. There are no specific financial implications.

Legal Implications

7. There are no specific legal implications.

Staffing Implications

8. There are no specific staffing implications.

Consultations

9. Consultation has taken place with the local Member (Councillor RE Barrett), Area Planning Officer, Senior Planning Policy Officer (Transport) and the Conservation Manager. Any comments received subsequent to dispatch of this agenda will be reported verbally at the meeting.

Conclusion

10. All consultation responses made about the footpath reorganisation scheme are being held on file by Cambridgeshire County Council, and will be brought to the attention of the Assistant Director (Environment) when he considers the full scheme. Such responses have been requested by 20th April 2004.

Recommendations

11. The Committee's comments are requested so that a formal response can be submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council, enabling progress to be made in reorganising the rights of way network in West Wrating.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Development and Conservation Control Committee, Agendas and Minutes – 7th May 2003, 4th June 2003 and 5th November 2003

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