



Clerk Widford PC

Mon 8 October 2018

Dear Nicholas

Are you able to give me any update information on the following:

1. FP6 reinstatement and missing way markers.
2. Bridleway 16: The Bridleway is presently cut off. It is understood that the developer is applying to re-route it.

Many thanks

Colin

Colin Marks PSLCC

Clerk to Widford Parish Council



**Nicholas Maddex**

Mon 8 October 2018

to me

Dear Colin

Thank you for your message.

As your council will probably be aware, bridleway 16 is blocked by at least one barn at Widford Bury Farm, which is being redeveloped. We are keen to use this opportunity to resolve the situation one way or another. I looked at various options for a diversion on site recently with representatives of the developers and the owner. These included firstly a route just outside the fence surrounding the farmyard, which would require substantial earthworks to render it level from side to side and not too steep along its route. The second possibility would be a route largely at the foot of the slope, but climbing gently up to meet the road at the current location, however, this would take users well out of their way. Thirdly we looked at a route close to the current route but passing between the buildings, rather than through them. This latter option has a potential for conflict with vehicles entering and exiting the site, but would perhaps be preferable to users otherwise. When I left the meeting the representatives had a slight preference for the last-named option, but I have yet to hear formally which option they want to go with.

Your council and others will have an opportunity to comment on the chosen option before and after a legal order is made, but if it has any comments which it feels should be considered at this point then by all means please let me know.

I hope that our volunteers will install waymark posts on Widford footpath 6. They currently have quite a list of tasks to do, but as this is a relatively small one I will see if they can fit it in shortly.

Best wishes

Nicholas Maddex

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