Initial e-mailed consultation

From: Frances Berry

Sent: 18 January 2017 12:49

To: 'CouparAngusCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk'; Councillor Alan Grant

Cc: Councillor Alan Grant; Councillor Dennis Melloy; Councillor Ian Miller; Councillor Lewis Simpson

Subject: Proposed deletion of core path COUP/104

**Proposed deletion of core path COUP/104**

As you will know the Core Paths Plan (CPP) was adopted by the Council in January 2012 and shows the routes and paths (core paths) which are most useful for public access. The CPP is shown in mapping form on the Council website so it is important that it remains a useful guide for access takers.

Since the CPP was adopted we have been signposting and waymarking many core paths and have found some which are not now suitable for promotion. We are therefore intending to amend the CPP to ensure it remains as accurate as possible.

Where an alternative nearby route has been promoted in place of the core path (as shown on the CPP) we propose to divert the core path to this improved route. In addition there are a few core paths which are not suitable for use/promotion as a core path (often due to unsuitable ground conditions eg missing bridge) and where the Council is unable to carry out, or enforce, improvements these cps are being proposed for removal (deletion) from the CPP.

**Process for approving amendments**

We have compiled a short list of proposed core path diversions and deletions which we intend to present to the Council for approval.

However only amendments which are not objected to (or where objections are subsequently withdrawn) will be taken forward. We have already discussed all proposed amendments with the Access Forum and are now seeking agreement from others affected including landowners and community representatives.

The proposed core path deletion as described on the attached sheet (with map and photographs) is within your Community Council area. We would be grateful for any comments you have in relation to this proposed change.

If you agree that this is a sensible and useful change please let us know by e-mail that you agree/ have no objection) to this proposal. We will then consult the relevant land manager.

If you do not agree please make this clear in your e-mail along with your reasons for objecting to the proposed deletion.

If you feel you need any additional information please contact me.

As Community Councils are being contacted on this matter before the landowners affected are consulted, we would be grateful if these proposals are kept confidential rather than aired at a public meeting at this stage. Affected landowners will be contacted when this stage is complete.

We would be grateful for an early reply to this e-mail, we realise you may want to discuss this with others in the Community Council and hope this can be largely accomplished by e-mail discussions. Ideally we would like to have your response by the end of February 2017.

Yours sincerely

Frances Berry

Policy Officer (Access and Infrastructure)

Community Greenspace

Reminder e-mail

On 27 Feb 2017 14:38, "Frances Berry wrote:

Dear  Sir/Madam

**Proposed amendment of the Core Paths Plan**

Please see my e-mail of 18 January below regarding the proposed amendment of the core path referred to below.  I have not yet had a response from your Community Council and would ask that you reply to this reminder to confirm that you have received it and **either**

-       do intend to make a comment – if so please let us know by what date you will be able to comment,

**or**

-       do not intend to comment.

We wanted to consult community representatives prior to consulting affected landowners so are keen to progress this matter.

If we do not hear from you by Friday 3 March we will assume you have no comment.

Yours sincerely

Frances Berry

Only response received

From: JIS Artists [<mailto:jo.rennie@gmail.com>]

Sent: 27 February 2017 16:23

To: Frances Berry

Cc: CHX Coupar Angus Community Council - Generic Email Account

Subject: Re: FW: Proposed deletion of core path COUP/104

I would be very sad if this path were withdrawn as a thoroughfare. I am 52 years old and have lived in CA my whole life. Since childhood I have regularly walked this area enjoying the spectacular views. I personally have never witnessed anything problematic and have always just met people out walking themselves or with their dogs. I hope that this action can be prevented so that future generations can continue to enjoy the priviledge.

Kind regards

Johann Rennie

Our query regarding this response

Dear Johann,

Thank you for your response.  Access rights still apply to the route, for responsible access, but we do not wish to promote this route.  However there are many routes nearby which are more appropriate and have been promoted  - they are now signposted and waymarked.

Is your comment to be registered as an objection from the Community Council?

Regards

Frances