

Response to rights of way issues raised by a resident. November 2023

Footpath B7

The resident highlighted the poor state of the path alongside Paddocks Farm.

BPC recommended reporting on CCC Report a Fault website. The Council reported it too. They will raise the issue when they meet with CCC's newly appointed Rights of Way Officer

Footpath D12

The condition of this path and the question of responsibility for it. Cllr Underwood raised this with National Highways and received the following response.

I am still looking into this for you (might take a bit of time). I have an inspector doing some basic measures on site and I will take it to our lands team for confirmation. I will also have to check with Cambridgeshire Rights Of Way. Do you know the adjacent landowners?

For now I am making an assumption it is not on NH land, but historically it leads north to the centre of the A1 before crossing to North Lodge. NH would have had to have purchased land to construct the A1 but I don't recall if it was the south side or north side of the A1 which was purchased? Any local information appreciated.

At a point 80m south of Diddington Brook it will be coming into NH land but where, nothing obvious? To my mind it looks like it was severed with the construction of the A1 in the 60s. There is nothing obvious like a central reserve gap, or ROW sign today, but this could have been designed out over the years.

We do have a number like this ROW in Cambs, I think the access would have been extinguished on purchase but no paperwork at this stage to show this so therefore the ROW will still exist according to Cambridge County Council ROWs (it's the local authorities who manage the ROWs.)

Regardless whether or not someone would want to use it now, the landowners still responsible to maintain access and there is still a right to access for the public whether they would want to cross the A1 or not.

Like I say, I have similar cases which I have been unable to resolve to date I will open a file on this one for you.

Happy to discuss further with you, land owners and CCC ROW.

Subsequently it was confirmed the path is on land belonging to Thornhill Estate. Again this will be raised with CCC's newly appointed Rights of Way Officer