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From:

Sent:

21 January 2023 12:35

To:

Planning

Subject:

Planning Application 3/2022/1129 Bridge Heywood Caravan Park



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I wish to comment on the above Planning application, as this is a retrospective application and the work has already been completed.

I would like to ask how the notification of the application has been published? I walk on the viaduct and have not seen any notification. I only found out about this notification by word of mouth. My understanding is that the Landowner Sustrains and Railway Paths Ltd have not been notified. There is a legal requirement for the Council to publish the notice for this application. I would like to know, where this notice has been published, was it published in the Clitheroe Advertiser? Is so on what date? How are people supposed to comment or object to application, if they don't know about them?

In order to maintain the structure of the viaduct access is required, and this access is via the northern end of the viaduct. The Title registry LA885684 Section A4 grants access. With the ditch being dug this now restricts the access. The removal of the earth to create the ditch could add to the decay and degradation of the viaduct. The removal of the earth was to prevent trespass onto the Landowners land. [REDACTED] have erected a 2m high fence, which stops anyone from crossing the viaduct onto the Caravan Parks land.

The applicant in the application under materials has indicated that No materials have been added, yet the creation of the path means that tonnes of hardcore material has been added in order to create the path.

Also the applicant indicates that no trees or bushes have been removed, by ticking no in the application, this is incorrect as there was trees and bushes, which google earth shows. The link is below.

[REDACTED]

Therefore I would object to planning permission being granted.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

20 January 2023 12:13

To:

Planning

Subject:

Planning application 3/2022/1129 FAO David Kilmartin



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Dear Sirs,

I strongly object to the planning permission of the above.

All the works above were carried out at the beginning of Covid ie 2019/2020

There were at LEAST 30 thriving, healthy trees cut down chopped into logs and piled high before being removed.

None of these trees can be replaced and I seriously doubt the path could be lessened.

A huge mound/hill was created together with an enormous metal gate on the Great Harwood side. Absolutely appalling.

I sincerely hope the planning department have photographs of **before and after the alterations.**

To all the walkers this makes a mockery of planning permission.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 January 2023 23:09
To: Planning
Subject: Planning application 3/2022/1129 FTAO David Kilmartin



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Dear Mr Kilmartin,

I am a resident of [REDACTED] and have longed for access through to Read via the Martholme Viaduct for some time.

It's upsetting that the land owner has denied this access and has now decimated the Read side of the viaduct. This in an area of incredible beauty where we love to walk and look out at the views from the top of the viaduct over the river.

I'm now more concerned that he has applied for retrospective planning permission for works that have already been carried out with a complete disregard to the natural habitat in the area and to the structure of the viaduct itself.

The land owner claims in his application that there are no trees.

This is not true. There was a good covering of large trees which have been removed prior to this application.


I object to this application and wish for the land to be restored to its original state, with consideration given to the wildlife who's homes have been destroyed with this selfish act of vandalism and destruction on our countryside.

I urge you to move this application to a hearing.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 January 2023 17:32
To: Planning; Planning
Subject: Planning application 3/2022/1129 FAO David Kilmartin


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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023, 19:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objections to environmental destruction at the viaduct

I'm objecting to the destruction of the pathway on the Read end of the viaduct which was a popular safe route walked by myself, friends, family and many others until the foot and mouth crisis, when access was restricted and never reopened. Since then, there has been another construction of an approximate 8ft fence with a deep ditch dug out on the Read end of the viaduct. This has made it impossible to pass through and should never have been blocked off indefinitely.

This pathway is a vital lifeline for safe walking between Great Harwood through to the Ribble Valley. There is no other alternative safe path, only the dangerous busy main Whalley road to attempt. Therefore any planning permission should be denied and the blockade taken down, to allow at least some access for walking between Read and Great Harwood.

This is surely [REDACTED] as well as a [REDACTED] that impacts on safety with no reasonable excuse for a blockade. As far as the argument about intruders to the caravan park, there are many security measures that can now prevent intruders- which surely would have been cheaper than the purpose built blockade that has been erected.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2023 16:59
To: Planning
Subject: Planning application 3/2022/1129 FAO David Kilmartin



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FAO David Kilmartin

Dear Mr Kilmartin

I wish to object to the retrospective planning application numbered above.

As someone who walks along the old railway embankment from [REDACTED] I have always thought it odd that the walk ends at the old railway viaduct.

The walk takes me along the pathway that was built and maintained by an exceptional group of volunteers who have completely transformed the area, over many years of hard work. I used to live on [REDACTED] and my home overlooked the old railway track and I saw at first-hand what was being done by these volunteers.

Throughout their time on the project, the [REDACTED] have tried, on numerous occasions, to persuade the landowner to open up the northern end of the viaduct and he has always refused. If these plans are passed, they would remove all possibility of the walk being opened up to connect with the route from Simonstone. This would be a 'kick in the teeth' for the volunteers who see this as the final section to complete, what would be a huge asset to everyone who enjoys the outdoors. A substantial walking route would be established and it would demonstrate that Lancashire County Council's active environment plans, which were given Government Levelling-Up Funding this week, were working.

The subject of this planning application is to obtain retrospective approval for work the applicant carried out in 2020. This work has already destroyed mature trees and impacted on the wildlife that was present in the area. He has done this without regard for anyone or anything.

I am concerned, also, that the applicant says he has created a recreational area only for the residents of the applicants' caravan park. With careful management, which [REDACTED] have agreed to introduce, the recreational area can be utilised to connect the southern and northern ends of the old railway and the currently closed footpath would be opened up for everyone to enjoy and benefit from; A much better use of the space.

I sincerely hope that the application is rejected and a more desirable use of the land is achieved, so that everyone can enjoy it, not just the caravaners.

Yours sincerely