



WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL WARMLEY - APPLICATION TO MODIFY DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT BY ADDING A FOOTPATH BETWEEN GOLDNEY AVENUE AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH PSN 52 (THE DRAMWAY) –

INFORMAL CONSULTATION

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Public rights of way are recorded on definitive maps and statements. South Gloucestershire Council is responsible for the definitive map and statement and has a duty to modify them when evidence suggests that they are inaccurate or incomplete. An application under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 can be made where there is evidence that the Definitive Map and Statement should be modified.

In this case, an application has been made to add a footpath running from Goldney Avenue along the track between property numbers 20 & 22 in a south westerly direction for approximately 75 metres, past a row of garages and down a bank to join the Dramway footpath, PSN 52. The claimed path is shown on the plan marked A - B.

The applicant has submitted user evidence to support the application; evidence forms from 36 users detailing public use from 1950 through to 2018. This evidence is summarised on the attached bar chart, showing the varying lengths of time people have used the claimed path.

The Public Rights of Way and Commons Registration Sub Committee are under a duty to consider all available evidence before deciding whether or not the evidence is sufficient for them to decide to make an order to modify the Definitive Map and Statement. If an Order is made it will be advertised and representations and objections can be made within a set time. If no order is made the applicant has opportunity to appeal against this decision.