

FOOTPATHS

I refer these three items to Stansted Mountfitchet Open Spaces Cttee for consideration and Support:

1. A "concessionary path" link from High Lane to the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve.

This Proposal is that the Parish Council to engage with the local Landowner and if the landowner can be persuaded, create a really useful link running from the new ECC High Lane Footway up to the existing Public Rights of Way (PROW) Stansted Footpath No.17, which runs from the centre of Stansted along Gall End to Alsa Street. It would facilitate use by residents from the new Walpole Farm development.

This request was put to Stansted Open Spaces Committee, via Uttlesford DC (UDC) representative, Alan Dean way back in September and although Approved, it did not make its way onto the Agenda for the Full Parish Council Meeting.

2. The creation of a PROW along the southern boundary of the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve

This Proposal is that the Stansted parish Council support and commence the instigation of the formal statutory procedure which would formalise this position to the ECC for their consideration and hopeful approval to this change.

This field path is used every day, in all weathers, and is probably the most used path in Stansted. It provides a direct and safe link from Stansted Footpath No.17 (Centre of Stansted - Lower Street, via Gall End), into the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve, into Elsenham and into May Walk, and is used as part of several circular walks/runs for healthy exercise, for understanding the countryside and solace.

The field path has been in regular use all the time I have lived in, and walked the area, i.e. since 1975. The route is used by walkers, runners, children, dog-walkers, families with buggies, bird-watchers and those of all ages providing. It feeds into other PROWs and thereby provides several circular safe routes to and fro from centre of Stansted.....safe circular routes which do not use/cross a road. However, there are formal statutory requirements which have to be followed, before ECC will consider this proposal. The BSDFA support this proposal. UDC Councillor Alan Dean supports this proposal. Stansted is short of open space. This path needs to be formally identified. Use of PROWs is free to all users of all abilities and ages for recreation and healthy living

3. The creation of a safe route walking (cycling?) route from Stansted to Bishop's Stortford via PROWs Nos 14/15/25 to Passingford Bridge, PROW footpath Birchanger No. 28, then Gypsy Lane, PROW footpath Birchanger No. 29 and thence to PROW footpath BS footpath No.63 to Stortford.

This proposal is asking for your support for the safe passage of residents from both Counties and request Essex CC to:

Clear overgrown PROW Stansted No.25 to Passingford Bridge,

Clear overhanging vegetation along Gypsy Lane,

Urgently to discuss with Herts CC (and East Herts DC) the means by which to provide a footway along Gypsy Lane or, create a footpath along the Stansted Brook to take walkers (and cyclists?), away from the additional traffic generated by the new residents of Stortford North who are now using a very busy Gypsy Lane .

You will be supporting BSDFA in trying to establish an important, but safe pedestrian footpath and footway, (plus a cycleway?) for local residents, of both Hertfordshire and Essex, and the regeneration of this area will complete a long-distance PROW footpath from London to Stansted via Bishop's Stortford.

This area lies to the very south of the Village where the Stansted Brook runs into the River Stort. The PROW footpath from Stortford runs along by the Stort and stops at the County boundary. It morphs into a Birchanger PROW and runs on up to the Gypsy Lane at the Stansted Trout Bridge

