

## APPENDIX F - Objections and Representations

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 March 2021 12:51  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Modification Order - YOUR REF:  
JG/Dist.10 2018/05  
**Attachments:** Objection to bridleway.docx

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Dear Ms Green,

Please find attached to this email my objection to the Modification Order 2021 in respect of Trowbridge Footpath No. 8.

I previously wrote regarding my objections to the opening of Footpath No.8 to all traffic and I reference that objection in my letter. You probably have that objection on record, but if not, please let me know and I will be happy to send it to you.

Kind regards,  
Anna Evans-Wylie

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Anna Evans-Wylie  
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24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Ms Green,

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53 YOUR REF: JG/Dist.10 2018/05**  
**The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path no.8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021.**

I am writing to log my objection to upgrading Footpath no.8 (Church Lane) to a bridleway with adjoining public rights of way from Acorn Meadow (and further from Lambrok Road) on two grounds:

1. The foreseeable hazards to public safety such extension/access would result in; and
2. That there are already in existence adequate rights of way over Church Lane in common law in favour of local residents and churchgoers, and it is not necessary to implicitly extend those rights to the residents of Lambrok Estate who have satisfactory and safe access to their properties via Lambrok Road.

Opening the whole width of the road at the end of Church Lane where it borders Acorn Meadow would inevitably invite all manner of vehicular traffic from the entire Lambrok Estate as users would consider it a handy shortcut to Frome Road (A361). The legal description of the road as a “bridleway” and the associated restrictions of accepted use to “only on foot or on horseback” would be disregarded by many users (or they simply could be ignorant of the implications).

The resultant misuse of Church Lane by vehicular traffic (cars, vans, motorcycles etc) would foreseeably generate significant dangers and hazards for the existing users of Church Lane, such as pedestrians, churchgoers, dog walkers, and the residents of Church Lane and neighbouring areas who commonly use this lane for recreational purposes.

Please note that in the Schedule Part 1 *Modification of Definitive Map* there is a reference to the path *having a width varying between 7 and 13 metres* (although other sections of the Schedule refer to 4-13m). Nowhere does the lane seem to have 13 metres in width and our measurements show the width to be slightly under 4m in front of our driveway and along the whole length of our boundary wall. This does not allow for two vehicles passing, or even for one vehicle to safely go past a group of pedestrians. The soft verge of the lane dropping into a ditch on the other side doesn't provide any room for laybys or pavements. Huge congestion could be anticipated if Church Road was opened at the border with Acorn Meadow and traffic started pouring in from the large Lambrok Estate to access the A361. Speeding cars and especially motorbikes would be particularly dangerous due to poor visibility on this narrow and hedge-framed lane. Difficulties are already noted on Sundays and religious holidays where the traffic to and from the church car park intensifies and leaves cars stuck in queues.

Further risks would ensue from the narrow entrance into Church Lane from Frome Road obscured by hedges. If the volume of traffic increased at this junction, collisions and potentially deaths could occur.

Looking at the difference between the footpath and bridleway usage, it is clear that it lies solely in bridleways allowing for travel on horseback (in addition to foot traffic). Since horseback traffic is only of historical interest and currently we have no horseback traffic at all (the only horse owner who leased the paddocks by Church Lane left a couple of years ago), there is little point in redefining the usage and upgrading a footpath to a bridleway, especially because the consequent opening of the full width of the road would foreseeably lead to the risks and hazards I mentioned above.

Finally, as residents of Church Lane we enjoy "*the benefit of a right of way over the roadway known as Church Lane leading into Frome Road*" (quote from our property Title Deed). The right of way over this private lane should not be now implicitly extended to people residing in Acorn Meadow and the whole of Lambrok Estate by virtue of opening Church Lane into that estate. Church Lane is not fit to accommodate any traffic in addition to the residents of the immediate area that it already serves as per our property rights in common law. In any event, the residents of Acorn Meadow are not disadvantaged in any way as they enjoy access to their properties from Lambrok Road.

I would therefore request that all necessary steps are taken by the Local Authority to carefully mitigate the foreseeable hazards that would be risked should the full width of the road between Church Lane and Acorn Meadow be opened. There is of course nothing within the current footpath usage to prevent the Council from making adjustments for disabled access. If the upgrade to bridleway should proceed our objections notwithstanding, I request that reasonable preventative measures are taken in advance to block vehicular traffic from Lambrok Estate through Church Lane and to Frome Road, such as barriers or bollards, as well as erecting road signs prohibiting the entry of motorbikes and cars into Church Lane from Path no.9 (Acorn Meadow).

For completeness and ease of reference, I also attach a copy of my prior objection to converting Church Lane to a byway open to all traffic.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,  
Anna Evans-Wylie

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 April 2021 11:53  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to Modification Order - YOUR REF: JG/Dist.10 2018/05

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Dear Janice,

Thank you very much for your email and clarifying the process and a few pertinent issues. It is very helpful.

It'd be great to see the report, thank you. I would also be obliged if you could send me a link to a place where the originating application and all the representations and objections relevant to this Order are kept.

I haven't got any objections to bicycles or any other non-motorised road users travelling through Church Lane in addition to its residents, the churchgoers and the Church Hall users. I was looking at the narrow definition of bridleway when referring to just horses, but cyclists are always welcome in Church Lane. However, this usage is already in place and well established in Church Lane as a private road without the need of adopting or upgrading it.

My objection, and my primary concerns, revolve around opening Church Lane to all traffic from and to the huge Lambrok Estate, which I fear would be the outcome if Church Lane became a thoroughfare between Lambrok and Frome Road on removing of barriers between Acorn Meadow Rd and Church Lane. This would not only be unnecessary, but would also generate public safety hazards as described in my letter. Adding street lamps and allowing for multiple vehicle headlights in the night would have an adverse effect on the protected Bechstein bat population in the roadside hedgerows.

Again, many thanks for your reply. I would indeed like to participate in this process so that the best outcome is secured for our little road and the safety of our community.

Best wishes,  
Anna

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**From:** Green, Janice <[janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 16 April 2021 09:55  
**To:** Anna Evans [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Modification Order - YOUR REF: JG/Dist.10 2018/05

Dear Ms Evans-Wylie,

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53**  
**The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No.8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 8<sup>th</sup> March with letter attached, I acknowledge safe receipt. I note your objections to the making of the Order upgrading the route of Path no.8 Trowbridge, Church Lane, from a footpath to a bridleway in status, in particular we have received a number of similar representations regarding the potential opening up of Church Lane at its northern end. Your comments are very helpful and just to update you regarding the process, where we have received objections to the making of the Order, the Order now falls to be determined by the Secretary of State, through the process of written representations, local hearing or public inquiry. One party has requested that the consultation period is extended to 23<sup>rd</sup> April for their response and after that date, all representations and objections will be considered in a report to the Western Area Planning Committee, whose Members will consider the representations and objections against the available evidence and the legal tests for making the Order, in order to determine the Wiltshire Council recommendation to be attached to the Order when it is forwarded to the Secretary of State for determination, i.e. that the Order be confirmed without modification; confirmed with modification or not confirmed, based on the available evidence. The Committee report will of course be made publicly available and public participation at the Committee meeting is possible, joining instructions and details of how to participate will be forwarded in due course. I must make you aware that your representations will be made public as part of this process and cannot be treated as confidential.

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I hope this is helpful and thank you for your help.

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Dear Ms Green,

Further to my yesterday's email, I would like to, if I may, add this supplementary letter to my objection of 8th March.

I have given your email below more consideration and feel that it is important to emphasise exactly what I object to, which isn't the idea of a bridleway but the widening of the current footpath between Church Lane and Acorn Meadow as shown in green in the Order.

I am glad that we have this extension until 23rd April to expand on the precise nature of our concerns.

Many thanks for clarifying everything for us. It really helped with focussing on what's important.

My best wishes,  
Anna Evans-Wylie

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17<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Ms Green,

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53 YOUR REF: JG/Dist.10 2018/05  
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Thank you for your email dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 where you advise of the extension of the consultation period to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 for further representations, and of the process of referring this matter for determination by the Secretary of State.

This letter is to supplement and to further clarify the scope of my letter of 8<sup>th</sup> March submitted in objection to the Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No.8 (“Church Lane”) Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021 (“the Order”).

**The particular stipulation of the Order I object to is the opening of Church Lane at its junction with Path no.9 (“Acorn Meadow”) to the width varying between 7 metres and 13 metres, as shown in green on the Order plan.**

I understand your objective of upgrading the footpath (pedestrian traffic) to a bridleway (pedestrian, bicycles and horseback) as that reflects the current and historic usage of Church Lane. However, pedestrians, bicycles and horses do not justify 7 – 13 metres of road width. Not even 4 meters is required to accommodate bridleway type of traffic. Opening Church Lane this wide would in practice inadvertently invite all traffic, including cars, lorries and motorcycles to commute between Lambrok Estate and Frome Road, whatever the legal description of Church Lane may be. This would create hazards and endanger the intended users of the bridleway (pedestrians and cyclists). In addition, Church Lane is not equipped to carry the volume of traffic from some two-thousand households of Lambrok Estate. The congestion would be unmanageable and could not be mitigated by the Council due to the geographic and natural limitations of this small lane. Finally, motorised traffic, particularly at night, would adversely affect the population of the nocturnal Bechstein bats foraging in Church Lane hedgerows.

I therefore request that the particulars of the path/bridleway in the proposed Modification Order describing **the width of Church Lane at its junction with Acorn Meadow is expressly limited to a maximum of 1.5metre (5ft).**

This would be a reasonable preventative measure to secure the peaceful enjoyment of Church Lane by its intended users and eliminating encroachment of the path/bridleway by heavy motorised traffic from

Lambrok Estate and endangering lives. The residents of Lambrok Estate would in no way be prejudiced by maintaining the status quo of only pedestrian/non-motorised access to Church Lane which is narrow, hedge-overgrown and devoid of any road markings, since there is already a network of wide, well-designed, well-lit and fit-for-purpose roads linking Lambrok Estate to the rest of Trowbridge and beyond. The residents of Church Lane and Church Fields, as well as churchgoers using St John's church hall carpark, would be able to continue accessing their properties by virtue of their established rights of way over Church Lane, be it by prescription, right of necessity or private right of way created by Deed.

I would be obliged if you could annex this letter to my original objection of 8<sup>th</sup> March as part of my formal objection on the specific issue of widening the width of Church lane at its north-western junction with Acorn Meadow.

Kind regards,  
Anna Evans-Wylie

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Dear Ms. Green

Your Ref. JG/Dist. 10 2018/05

1) When I bought Church Lane it was on the understanding that everything was in order. Now I am being told of plans to modify the area to create a bridleway. This will have repercussions which are making me think the house was "mis-sold".

2) Given my concerns would you please clarify for me:-

(a) Why part of the frontage of my property needs taking up for the bridleway, and what are your legal rights to do so? This is dangerous and will reduce privacy.

(b) the advantage of a bridleway which does not allow motorised vehicles to use it. This seems a nonsense given the fact that most people in the area have cars which require parking space.

(c) who will be the main beneficiary of the proposal?

3) Another major area of concern is how far the house will be devalued 'if this proposal goes through'. Many people are already very stressed at the prospect.

Yours sincerely,

MR. M. REED

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 February 2021 15:24  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path  
No 8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification  
Order 2021  
**Attachments:** Letter sent to WCC Representation regarding  
Modificaiton to Path No 8 Trowbridge.docx

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Dear Janice ,

Please find attached my comments on the above order as part of your consultation process.

Kind Regards,

Rachel Hunt

Mrs Rachel Hunt

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Frome Road,

Trowbridge

13/2/21

**Comment on The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No 8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021**

I am writing in support of the above order to change footpath No 8 from a public footpath to a bridleway allowing access to pedestrians, bicycles and single horses but not to motorised vehicle. I believe that this is in keeping with the historical use of the route and it's use as a quiet lane, well used by walkers, cyclists, the elderly, Brownies/Guides and children learning to ride their bikes for the first time.

I would however like to express my concern that, should the gate at the bottom of the lane be removed or the pathway widened, it would likely become a cut through for some vehicles. My particular concern is that motorbikes, who use a circular routes along the lower half of the Frome Road and Bradley Road for night time races/routes would start to use Church Lane as a cut through to Studley Green.

As we already know, from Wiltshire Council's assessment of Church Lane as part of the WHSAP (site 2.4), the lane has been deemed unsuitable as an entrance to a development due to the dangerous and blind junction with the Frome Road. Should motorbikes start using this route, the lane would become extremely dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. I would therefore suggest that, if the gate is to be removed, it be replaced by an entrance that is ONLY wide enough for a single horse or bike AND that some kind of bollard or hump is put there to prevent any vehicles attempting to use the route as a cut through.

Kind Regards

Rachel Hunt

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 April 2021 14:58  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for information The Wiltshire Council  
Trowbridge Path No 8 Definitive Map and  
Statement Modification Order 2021

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Dear Janice,

Having commented on the above order, I have been advised that it would be a good idea for residents of existing properties on Church Lane to obtain written confirmation by Wiltshire Planning Department that current residents have a right of access to their property on what is currently designated as a footpath but is likely to be designated as a Bridleway. Please could you advise me as to whom to send this request to.

Many Thanks  
Rachel

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**From:** rachel hunt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 February 2021 15:24  
**To:** janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk <janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Comment on The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No 8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021

Dear Janice ,

Please find attached my comments on the above order as part of your consultation process.

Kind Regards,

Rachel Hunt

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 April 2021 16:03  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No.8 ("Church Lane") Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021  
**Attachments:** Statement of Confirmation of Access to our Properties on Church Lane.docx

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Dear Janice,

Thank you for your email dated 16th April 2021 where you advise of the extension of the consultation period to 23rd April 2021 for further representations, and of the process of referring this matter for determination by the Secretary of State.

I have attached a statement which, we as residents of Church Lane, would like added to the consultation response regarding the Modification of Footpath No 8 to a Bridleway.

We have given our email addresses so that we might be kept informed of any further meetings or consultation extensions. I trust that you will blank out any personal details when it is uploaded to the consultation portal.

Kind Regards,

Rachel Hunt



As residents of Church Lane we wish to document the following information as part of the consultation process in the Application to upgrade Footpath Number 8 to a Bridleway.

**Statement of Confirmation of Access to our Properties on Church Lane, whether it remains a Footpath or is designated a Bridleway**

All of the undersigned residents of Church Lane and Church Fields, and other interested parties (such as the users of St John's Church and Hall carpark) can show if so required in terms of sec. 34(1) of The Road Traffic Act 1988 that they have the private right in place to use Church Lane as an accessway by either having acquired the prescriptive right of way (see evidence below), or by virtue of having the right of way of necessity on the basis of there not being any alternative ways of accessing their properties, or because they have the private right of way created by Deed.

**Evidence of Prescriptive Right of Way:**

St John's Church was built in 1852 and was accompanied by a rectory (built 1859) and School houses built 1856/1857 (converted into houses Number [REDACTED] Church Lane in the 1980's). Access to all of these has been established over 150 + years. In addition, [REDACTED] Frome Road) has had access for a similar amount of time and has used Church Lane to access it's driveway by motor vehicle for at least 50 years. [REDACTED] in Church Lane was constructed in 1950's originally as a farm dwelling, later used by a practising veterinary and is now a private dwelling. This property has had essential vehicle access for over seventy years. Church Fields and the remaining houses on the lane also use Church Lane to access their properties. The majority of these houses were built in the 1970's and they have all enjoyed vehicular access since then without complaint.

**Evidence of Right of Way by Necessity**

All properties on Church Lane, Church Fields and users of the Church Hall can only access their property by using Church Lane.

These rights will continue if Footpath No 8 is upgraded to a bridleway and consequently there is no need to consider upgrading Church Lane to a byway.

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**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path no.8  
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Please find attached my letter of objection to the above.  
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Roy Pegrum  
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17<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Ms Green,

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53 YOUR REF: JG/Dist.10 2018/05  
The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path no.8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order  
2021.**

Whilst I have no objections to the reassignment of Church Lane from a 'footpath' to a bridleway for historic reasons and also bearing in mind its current usage I do however consider the opening up to 7-13 metres to be unwarranted. Even in the depths of Wiltshire a bridleway over 4 metres wide must be a rarity after all it has only to cater for pedestrians, cyclist and horses. Even two horses would not need even 4 metres to pass each other.

To open a route of the width proposed would encourage its use by other vehicles and turn Church Lane into a 'through road' from the Lambrok Estate to Frome Road, a function for which it is ill equipped i.e. Road margins are kerbless, drainage, road markings and signage are non-existent and the exit on to Frome road has inadequate vision for safe usage. Please also note that at its narrowest point two vehicles are unable to pass.

I feel that it is not unreasonable that the proposed Modification Order should limit the width of the bridleway to that which makes its use by vehicles impossible at the point where Church Lane meets Acorn Meadow.

Please accept this letter as my formal objection on the matter of widening Church Lane at its junction with Acorn Meadow.

Yours Sincerely  
Roy Pegrum

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Dear Ms Green

Thank you for your reply, yes I would like sight of the WC Decision Report ( a link would be fine) and obviously the Committee recommendation. When would the latter be available?

Kind Regards

Roy Pegrum

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**From:** Green, Janice [mailto:janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk]  
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Dear Mr Pegrum,

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**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53**

**The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No.8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021**

Thank you for your e-mail and letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> April regarding the above mentioned Order, upgrading Footpath no.8 Trowbridge, (Church Lane), to a bridleway. I note your objections and we have now received a number of similar representations and concerns. Where we have received objections to the making of the Order, the Order now falls to be determined by the Secretary of State, through the process of written representations, local hearing or public inquiry. As a result, all representations and objections received will be considered in a report to the Western Area Planning Committee, whose Members will consider the representations and objections against the available evidence and the legal tests for making the Order, in order to determine the Wiltshire Council recommendation to be attached to the Order when it is forwarded to the Secretary of State for determination, i.e. that the Order be confirmed without modification; confirmed with modification or not confirmed, based on the available evidence. The Committee report will of course be made publicly available and public participation at the Committee meeting is possible, joining instructions and details of how to participate will be forwarded in due course. I must make you aware that your representations will be made public as part of this process and cannot be treated as confidential.

Please do let me know if you would like me to forward you a copy of the Wiltshire Council decision report, it is rather lengthy, but it sets out in full the evidence examined in this case and the reasons for the decision to make the Order to upgrade Footpath no.8 Trowbridge to a bridleway.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Kind regards,

Janice Green  
Senior Definitive Map Officer  
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Shelley Mcgrath  
[REDACTED] Church Lane  
Trowbridge  
BA14 0[REDACTED]

Re: The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No 8 Definitive Map and Statement Order 2021

Regarding the plan to upgrade Footpath 8 Church Lane to a bridleway. My concerns are as follows:

1] The opening/removing of the barriers at the Acorn Meadows end of Church Lane would result in the Lane

being used as a "rat run" especially by motorbikes. It is likely that any restrictions would be ignored by people

wanting to access Frome Road from and to Studley Green making the Lane and the junction on to Frome

Road dangerous.

2] That the residents of Church Lane would still have complete freedom of vehicular access to their properties

without restriction. A suitable sign could be erected stating "Resident's Access Only" for example .

[REDACTED] so this is of particular importance to us.

Surely all that is possibly needed is to alter Footpath 8 to make it easier for disabled users and pushchairs.

This would be cheaper and far less disruptive.

Regards

Shelley Mcgrath

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 March 2021 14:43  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Church Lane Bridleway proposal

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With reference to  
The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No 8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021.

This issue, as presented by WCC, is ill thought out. The residents of Church Lane are not given specific guarantees that access to their properties will be unrestricted or that visitors and delivery vehicles will not suffer any hindrance or restrictions when using Church Lane. We understand that we all have legal rights to access our properties under common law but we need this to be clearly and unambiguously stated by the Council to avoid expense and uncertainty when selling our properties in the future. We are all aware of the many instances of hugely expensive legal actions caused by vague rulings. Any such commitment by WCC on access must include the full participation of all residents of Church Lane, as presently constituted and full disclosure of any Council plan or agenda that may impact on our rights of access in the future. We also need a detailed plan of action to ensure that Church Lane does not become a "Rat run" for motorcycles or scooters if these proposals are enacted. This has been a nuisance in the past and any alteration to the fixed barrier at the junction of Church Lane and Acorn Meadows should be viewed with extreme caution. The risk to walkers will inevitably be greatly increased by the proposal.

During the past seven years as a resident at Church Lane I have never heard a single person, whether resident or passers-by, ever suggest anything remotely like the Council's present proposals for a "Bridal way". What has been frequently voiced is simply to remove the overgrown grass that has obscured the footpath, a job that any competent landscaping team could accomplish in a matter of days, with tarmac repairs where eroded. After all, it is us that use the pathway, not the Council but we who will have to live with any detrimental outcomes long after the Council has forgotten that Path No 8 exists.

I suggest the Council stops wasting money that is going to be sorely needed in the immediate future and concentrate on proper maintenance of that part of the path that has been neglected in the past.

Thanks for your time,

Trevor McGrath  
[REDACTED] Church Lane, BA14 [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 February 2021 12:57  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path  
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Dear Janice,

Please find attached my comments on the above order as part of your consultation process.

Yours sincerely

Shane Wheeler

[REDACTED] Church Lane

Trowbridge.

Mr Shane Wheeler  
Church Lane  
Upper Studley  
Trowbridge  
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25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Comment on The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path No 8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021**

I am writing with regards the above proposal to change No8 from a public footpath to a public bridleway allowing access to pedestrians, bicycles and a single horse, but not motorized vehicles.

I believe this will be in keeping with its historical use, a quiet lane, well used by walkers, cyclists and visitors to St Johns Church. I support this change to a bridleway.

I would however like to just raise a potential concern for your awareness, if the pathway was to be widened and the current gateway removed it would allow access for motorized vehicles to use the route as a cut through to and from Studley Green to Frome Road. Motorbikes are of particular concern increasing traffic to an already dangerous blind junction to exit to Frome Road.

It is imperative that should the current gateway be removed a suitable replacement gateway be placed to prevent motor vehicles from using it as a cut through, reducing the risk to other users of the lane, and also the riders when exiting the lane.

When we first moved to this lane there were concrete bollards and a wider pathway, we had multiple issues with motorbikes coming from Studley Green, cutting through to use the field, and also as a escape from Police who were unable to follow. When the pathway was narrowed and a staggered gate installed this greatly reduced the issues and made the lane a much safer place.

Yours sincerely

Shane Wheeler

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 March 2021 12:58  
**To:** [Green, Janice](#)  
**Subject:** Wiltshire and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53. The Wiltshire Council Trowbridge Path no. 8 Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021

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Dear Ms Green

I am writing to object to the proposal made to upgrade public footpath no. 8 (Church Lane, Trowbridge) to a bridleway. The MO identifies no clear reasons or compelling benefits that would derive from this change, nor does it identify any current issues that might be rectified by this alteration.

Currently this footpath running from Frome Road A361 to Acorn Meadow allows passage for pedestrians and cyclists. The implication is that by 'upgrading' the route to a bridleway would make it accessible to horse-riders. There are, however, no longer any horses on Church Lane and last time I looked there was also a distinct lack of horses on the Lambrok Estate with an imperative need to ride up Church Lane to access the busy A361. I can therefore see no need for a bridleway here.

I believe the review of this route began in August 2018 when the occupiers of the property [REDACTED] applied for Church Lane to be redesignated as a byway open to all traffic. I also understand that following an extensive local consultation and consideration Wiltshire Council determined that there was no justification to create a public right of way for motorised vehicles between Church Lane and the Lambrok Estate.

There are many practical reasons why opening Church Lane to the Lambrok Estate involving potentially hundreds of additional daily motor vehicle movements along Church Lane would be wrong, including:

> Church

Lane is not wide enough for any more traffic, and is not wide enough for a pavement to protect pedestrians. Two vehicles cannot pass outside our house due to the narrow road - it is barely 4 metres wide;

> Church

Lane has for a long time been a quiet lane well used by walkers, cyclists, elderly, people with disabilities, people on mobility scooters,

Brownies/Guides, children learning to ride their bikes and lots of dogs . It is a safe recreational lane not suitable for more motor vehicles;

> The blind

and dangerous junction at the intersection of Church Lane with the A361 is unsuitable for more vehicles which would lead to more RTAs. Indeed, Wiltshire Council in its deliberations on the potential housing site H2.4 has already ruled that Church Lane would be unsuitable as an entrance to the development for up to 40 new houses, so it logically follows that Church Lane would be even more unsuitable for a flow of cars from the hundreds of dwellings from the streets to the north of Acorn Meadow (Lambrok Estate).

If Wiltshire

Council does choose, nonetheless to alter this route from a footpath to become a bridleway I believe it to be imperative that physical measures are taken at the same time as the decision, to ensure the route from Acorn Meadow remains inaccessible to motorised vehicles (including motor bikes) using appropriate bollards/barriers. If this is not done vehicles from the Lambrok Estate will use the route as a rat-run to the A361 and road accidents and possibly deaths will surely follow on Church Lane itself, or at the narrow blind junction at Church Lane with the A361.

I therefore

vote to reject the bridleway and to instead preserve the status quo. Keep this route as a public footpath for all, and with the existing private rights of access from Frome Road for the residents of Church Lane, Churchfields and users of St John's Church.

In conclusion,  
and as the saying goes, "if it ain't broke don't fix it".

Yours  
sincerely,

Steve Wylie

■ Church Lane

Trowbridge

BA14 ■





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Dear Ms Green

I wrote to you on 5th March objecting to the proposed Church Lane footpath modification order. My objection focused on the detriment and dangers that would occur if the current pathway between Church Lane and Acorn Meadow was opened up to motor vehicles. Because the modification order to upgrade the existing footpath to a bridleway contained no physical restriction to its width that would prevent its use by motor vehicles I could not support the order in that form. The modification order states that the planned bridleway would be between 4 and 13 metres wide, far in excess of that required by any pedestrian traffic and an open invitation to small and large motor vehicles.

Whilst I have no objection to Church Lane being classified as either a footpath or a bridleway and giving exclusive access to all forms of pedestrian traffic and cyclists, I cannot support it if it does not physically prevent motor vehicles passing between Church Lane and Acorn Meadow. If a physical width restriction of up to 1.5 metres was incorporated at the point where Church Lane meets Acorn Meadow as is the case now and has been ever since I've lived here, I would be able to support the modification order making the change to a bridleway.

I am aware that a volume of misinformation and anxiety has circulated in the neighbourhood in recent weeks about this modification order, in particular about the rights of property owners and churchgoers to access properties here. This may have influenced the way some people have responded to the consultation. So I am grateful that this consultation was extended until 23rd April so that I can now further clarify my position on the matter.

I hope this helps.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Wylie

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