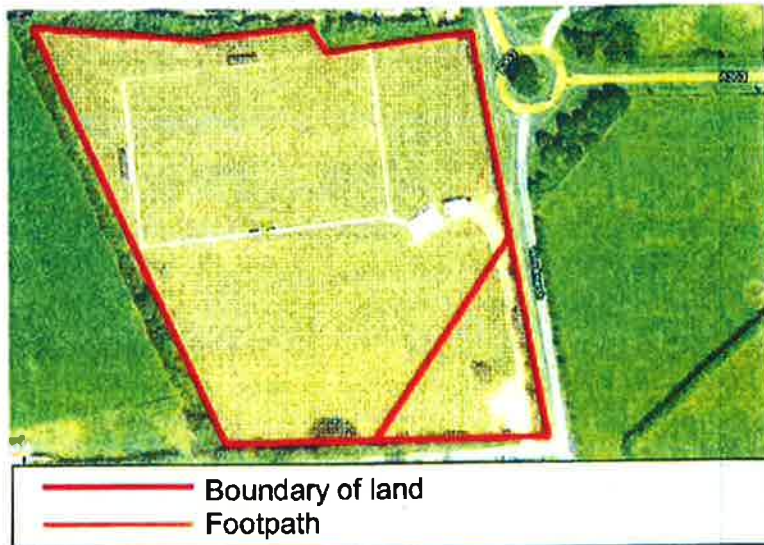


**S116 Highways Act 1980 – stopping up**

**Community Consultation - Woodmarsh, Trowbridge**



Wiltshire Council is considering the 'stopping up' of the right of way across Woodmarsh Road Football Club site. Your views will help to shape the council's decision in pursuing such an order.

The site is privately owned and the only permitted public use of the land is the right of way as marked in orange in the above map. The reasoning for the considered closure is due the issues that the right of way has caused.

Over the last x months x number of incidents of anti social behaviour have been recorded. This includes incidents of:

- Dog foul on pitches, on occasions this has resulted in young players sliding through dog faeces.
- Build up of litter, requiring daily cleansing.
- Damage to buildings and signs on the site.
- Graffiti on stadia and buildings.
- Chemical damage to main pitch.
- Damage to current unsecured land boundaries

**Risks**

The risks of the land *not being secured* have been identified as:

- Continued damage to the Football Clubs Buildings. Further vandalism and theft may result in the damage being un-repairable and the club with have to fold, leaving almost 400 local children with no football.
- Continuing damage to signs, dug outs, railings, paths and also to the pitches – including the digging of holes and weed killer being put on the pitches which risks serious injury to youth players.

- Continuing littering of the site, causing environmental nuisance and danger of injury to any site users through broken glass.
- Continued dog walking across the pitches resulting in dog faeces on playing pitches. This poses a health risks to all site users, in particular young players (Toxicara Virus)
- Trowbridge could lose a well used football pitch in a town where sports provision is at a premium.

Risks of the land being secured via a footpath annulment are identified as:

- Use of the land which has been used historically by the public being restricted to the football club and associates, causing local upset and objection.
- Closure of a public footpath could be controversial (although it should be noted that the ground is located with other fields and rights of way in very close proximity).

### Consultation Questions

1. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?  
North Bradley Resident  
Trowbridge Resident  
Local Councillor  
Representing agency or body, please state:
2. Please state your postcode.
3. Are you a user of the right of way as highlighted?  
Yes  
No
4. Do you object to the proposed closing of the right of way?  
Yes  
No
5. If you objected please explain your reasons.
6. Are there any further comments you wish to make regarding the proposed 'stopping up' of the right of way?

Woodmarsh Consultation Results

Email Address	Capacity	Agency/ Body	Postcode	User?	Object Adjustment	Reasons	Comments
notreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	S7 X0		BA14 7TW	No	Yes	No	Please close it and allow all of the young footballers to play in safer conditions
[REDACTED]	10	Under 11's Mgr TTYFC	BA133UW	No	Yes	No	I would like the right of way closed as it stands at the moment. This would enable the football club to make the ground a safer and cleaner place for the many children that use it. As a member of the club and a parent it is always a worry sending young players out onto the pitches not knowing if they will run/fall in dogs mess or fall onto broken glass. As there is a useable path around the outside of the ground I would like to think for the sake of the children the users would be prepared to walk a little further.
[REDACTED]	10		BA14 0TH	Yes	No	No	I have children who use this area regularly and we have to, for the safety of ALL the children, not only my own, check the field for dog poo before each visit. This is unacceptable and can be stopped. Dog fouling is not only unpleasant but is a big threat to public health especially to children, as they play they can put their hands in their mouths. The eggs from the faeces can remain in soil and sand for up to 24 months.  This right of way has to be stopped. There are MANY other rights of way so close to this one that no dog walker should lose out on being able to walk their dogs. The safety of the children for whom use this field should be put about the people who leave their dogs excrement on this ground.  I have witnessed owners and their dogs use this area and leave their mess and sometimes not even clear this up!!! I feel this must be stopped, especially on private land. Come on council...please see sense!!!!

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[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14.7TG	No	No	No	I coach 5 & 6 year olds at the ground each week & to have to clear up dogs mess before each game is embarrassing in front of visiting teams & unacceptable when the football just goes across the corner of the ground! Dog walkers aren't sticking to the path either as dogs mess is often found on other pitches all over the ground. Children should be able to play without fear of falling in dogs mess!
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14.7GU	No	No	No	This must happen. This area is used by the youth of Trowbridge, to play football, where often the pitches have dog mess, broken glass & rubbish on them, due to the right of way usage. The area must be made secure. There is no reason to cut across this area, it is a matter of yards to simple walk around the corner. In today's world where exercise amongst children is vital, why are we putting this in danger ??
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14.8BD	Yes	No	No	This must be done. A number of local children benefit enormously from the facility this club provides. I have been there a number of times as a parent and am disgusted by the need to clear up dog poo and glass from the kids pitches (with visiting teams of children) before the match can be started. This simple fix will help protect our children and needs to be done as people can not be trusted to clean up after their dogs or themselves. When they can do that they can keep their rights!
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14.7UJ	Yes	No	No	There seems little benefit in keeping this open but many benefits for closing it!
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14.0PY	No	No	None	My son plays football at the site and has often stepped in dogs mess or seen broken glass near the pitches. Trowbridge, as the County Town should have an area, similar to STANLEY PARK in Chippenham for children to play sport safely. As Woodmarsh is the only area we currently have we should do everything we can to keep it tidy and safe.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14.7RL	No	No	No	The vandalism unacceptable. My son plays football there and dog mess is unacceptable.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	TTFC				BA14.0XR	No	No	No	it is in my child's interest that the closure goes ahead of the right of way, along with the securing of the whole boundary. This is my son's main outlet for his limitless energies and the risk of injury and illness is albeit beyond his fear are within mine. Any advance in the club's ability to protect his well-being in securing the site for health and safety reasons outside of their control is to be welcomed.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	TTFC Youth				BA14.9QP	No	No	No	

	TTYFC	BA14 9QP	No	No	No	No	No	IT WILL MAKE IT SAFER FOR ME TO PLAY FOOTBALL MATCHES
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 0EZ	No	No	No	No	No	I know alot of children play in this field and i myself played in it when i was child and i think think the closure. of the right of way will cause a bit of a problem with local people even though there are other places for children to play.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 0JP	No	No	No	No	No	stopping of the right of way will enable the football ground to remain secure for the use by the teams especially the young youth teams who need to play on a secure and safe pitch
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 9SD	No	No	No	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 8SG	No	No	No	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 7PD	No	No	No	No	No	
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 8UJ	No	No	No	No	No	I wholeheartedly agree with the stopping of this right of way. The Football Club carries out a valuable community service supporting local children to play sport. Why should children be forced to play amongst dog excrement and vandalised and damaged facilities where other local towns clubs enjoy better facilities. How can Trowbridge ever compete with other towns in terms of facilities when a few dog walkers and antisocial people are so selfish that they spoil things for the many. There are plenty of local fields with rights of way, and also Southwick country park - why don't dog owners make use of these. Local residents need to understand that this is private land and the football club spend a lot of money trying to make it suitable for our kids to play in - for health and safety reason and for our childrens protection this right of way should be closed.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 0LD	No	No	No	No	No	

<p>The use of the fields as a safe place for young and old alike to play football is immensely important in this area. A great deal of time and effort has been given by many volunteers in an effort to turn the grounds into a suitable and safe environment for all to utilise and enjoy the game. My son is a member of the Trowbridge Town Football under-six kids club where he is being coached in all things football as well as learning valuable life skills including respect, discipline, and how to be part of a team. In a time of a looming epidemic of obesity it is of vital importance our young are taught the importance of fitness and exercise and without doubt TTFC and its facilities promote this. However, with the current right of way passing through the grounds it is not currently possible to keep the grounds in a clean, hygienic and safe condition. Dogs faeces, litter and mindless vandalism have all occurred at the site, hindering the efforts of those who strive to keep the environment safe for all to use. The right of way hampers attempts to secure the site more comprehensively, and I therefore support this petition to close the right of way.</p>							Trowbridge Resident	<p>I am six years old and I love playing football for Trowbridge Town Football Club. I go to school in North Bradley and play at Woodmarsh on a Sunday morning, and friendly matches other days. My coaches Nathan, Phil and Dave are always having to clean up dog mess before we play and once I slipped in some that had been missed and I was very upset. Mummy cleaned me up and I was very careful afterwards to make sure it didn't happen again, which was hard as I really needed to concentrate on learning new skills, not worrying. I practice sometimes with my friends after school in the Peace Memorial park and I don't worry there as I know dogs aren't allowed, not even my dog Jake.</p> <p>I hope that you will close the right of way that allows people to come into the club grounds whenever they want so that it can be made safer and cleaner for all of us to play our football in. Thank you.</p>
				BA14 OTA			Trowbridge Resident	

[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 0UU	No	No	No	As a parent of a child using the football grounds I support the closure of the right of way through the grounds. I am aware of many occasions where dogs have been allowed to foul on the pitches and perimeter, and even when cleaned up by the responsible owners there has been residue left that the youngsters have come into contact with. Other instances have occurred where locks have been superglued, weedkiller used on the grass, and litter strewn everywhere. It is unacceptable that the club is unable to secure the grounds fully to prevent such mindless vandalism and irresponsible behaviour from occurring, especially when there are many places nearby where a dog can be walked and exercised. Vast improvements could be made for the majority by the closure of this right of way, with so few affected in any meaningful way.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 0YA	No	No	No	If people continue to get into the ground and surrounding area small children playing their matches here will be at great risk of serious damage from cut grass and dog mess or worse drug needles etc. Does this have to happen before people really sit up and listen!!!!
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 7HX	No	No	No	It's a good thing - need a place for football teams that is secure and maintained.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 9TH	No	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 8SA	No	No	No	I think it would help the football club hugely
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 9DG	Yes	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 9SD	Yes	No	No	I Coach a group of 30 6-7 year old footballers from Trowbridge Town FC. Every time we play at Woodmarsh I need to clear dogs mess, rubbish and broken glass from the pitches where those not connected with TTFC have abused the pitches. They clearly show no regard for those that use the pitches. This is hazardous for the children, and without the ROW closure I worry for their safety.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 7HR	Yes	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident					BA14 7RF	No	No	No	My son plays football at the ground and we regularly find dog faeces on the pitches. We have also found broken glass which is unacceptable for young children to play on. Closing the Right of way is a step in the right direction to securing the ground and making it a safer place for the teams to play on.

noenly@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 0EN	Yes	No	No				My child plays football for TTFC - it is essential that children have a safe, clean environment to play football. Unfortunately, this is not the case at the moment. The sooner this is done for the safety of the young football players the better.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	TTFC	BA14 6QE	Yes	No	No				I am concerned about the safety of the young children playing on this field and think the closure should be done as soon as possible.
[REDACTED]	TTFC	TTFC	BA14 6QE	No	No	No				The right of way in this location has clearly been abused in recent years and the site has been subject to vandalism and dog fouling. The primary use of the area is as a childrens sports facility serving the local community at all levels and across all ages. These areas must be preserved if we are to secure a healthy and positive environment for future generations.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 7HY	No	No	No				My son is 6 years old and has started to play for Trowbridge town, his manager and coaches volunteer a lot of time to help our children, and could really do without spending extra time clearing the pitches, and making sure they are safe for the kids to play on. And repairing damaged club property
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 9R8	No	No	No				As a parent whose son plays regular football matches at Woodmarsh i feel very strongly that this site should be used only by those who respect it as a football ground. There is often fouling by dogs left on the site, which is not only unhygenic, but also means it needs to be cleared before play or that some areas cannot be used properly. Vandalism has also been a problem recently and is yet again another example of misuse of this site. Let the people of Trowbridge who play for Trowbridge Town and visiting clubs use Woodmarsh for this purpose only - football.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA13 7SJ	No	Yes	No				I do not believe the proposed closure will greatly impact local residents and will generally benefit all who use the playing fields.
replay@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 7TG	No	No	No				I strongly support the closure of this right of way. My son is a member of Trowbridge Town Football Club and I am currently very concerned for his safety whilst playing on the pitch due to dogs fouling, glass etc. Closing the right of way is essential for these young players to be kept safe and secure. Football has played an essential part in my son's development and growth and we need to ensure they are provided the safest and cleanest environment.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 6DR	No	No	No				



[REDACTED]	North Bradley Resident		BA14 0TH	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	BA14 0TH	<p>Yes - I play football every other week over this way and one week I fell in some poo. I did not like it and you can stop it. Lewis Coles</p> <p>I have played on this site for the last 5 years. We do "poo runs" before the match and also glass and I make sure I check each time as I have cut myself when I was younger on a broken bottle. There is also lots of rubbish left around and I think this area will be better looked after by Trowbridge Town Football club than leaving this open to the public to let their dogs poo on and can be better used by the hundreds of children each week and keep them safe from germs from the poo and cuts from the glass bottles left broken. Thanks. Owen Coles, aged 11</p>
[REDACTED]	North Bradley Resident		BA14 0TH	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	BA14 0TH	<p>The amount of children that use this field in circumstances that see much of their body come into contact with the ground cannot be put at risk due to the irresponsibility of one dog owner. We live next to the playing field in silver street lane/hawthorn grove and it is a disgrace that so much dog fouling goes on in a public place.</p>
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	live on silver street lane	BA14 0JF	No	No	No	No	No	BA14 0JF	<p>My son plays football on these pitches and I think the least he can expect as a 7 year old is not to have to play around dogs mess or glass. If dog walkers complain about the closure, it may not have come about if they had cleaned up after their dogs as is expected.</p>
no-reply@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 7HZ	No	No	No	No	No	BA14 7HZ	<p>I have used this field to walk my dog and know how dirty it can be. Not only dogs mess but glass and beer bottles etc.. The club will keep this from happening and safe from these dangerous items. Also it's fantastic that we as a town want to make a safe place for the children to play the game they love. Keeping them fit and showing some respect for the town. Also as its our home ground for the first team etc we have other teams from all the other towns playing there. A good clean well maintained pitch is vital for them continuing to play and shows we have respect for our town.</p>
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 8SG	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	BA14 8SG	<p>My sons both play at woodmarsh and quite often we have had to clear the pitch before they have been able to play. I support the closure of the path allowing for a secured site for the boys to play</p>
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 9RY	No	No	No	No	No	BA14 9RY	<p>I am proud that my son plays football for Trowbridge Town but obviously safety is paramount which is why I think the right of way should be closed to make sure the pitches are in a safe environment to play.</p>
[REDACTED]		TTC	BA14 7RE	No	No	No	No	No	BA14 7RE	<p>The area is used by many children of all ages for playing football for their Town and they should be allowed to do this in a safe way. Also spectators should be able to watch without the worry of litter and dog mess!</p>

noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk [REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 0JU	No	No	No				I strongly believe that children should have safe, hygienic areas of green to play in.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk [REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 9QU	No	No	No			This footpath has existed for many years and we should not close it simply because a modern day hobby has been superimposed on it.	
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk [REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA41 0JN	Yes	Yes	Yes				I think it would be great as it would improve ground standards at the football club, especially for the younger teams opening out the playing fields. Closing this right of way across wood marsh is an excellent plan and will improve the standard of the football fields at wood marsh club, especially for the younger teams as dog mess can be a bit of an issue.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk [REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 7HY	No	No	No				I think that it would be great if my team mates and I could play football without having to worry if there is dog mess or broken glass on the pitch. I really enjoy playing football and being a part of Trowbridge Town Football Club and I know that the coaches and other adults have worked very hard to make the club have better buildings and I hope that by closing the footpath the club's buildings and the pitches will be clean and safe for us to use.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk [REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 7TW	No	No	No				I am member of the Kids Club at Trowbridge Town Football Club and I love it! We play at Woodmarsh and I would like the footpath to be closed so that the pitches don't have dangerous litter and dog mess on them. The grown-ups at the club have worked really hard to make the buildings better and if the footpath is closed we can all enjoy playing football, using the pitches and the club facilities and no-one will wreck TTFC.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk [REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 7TW	No	No	No				As a North Bradley resident and parent of a child who plays for Trowbridge Town FC, I believe the health and safety of players is of the highest importance. The mess left by those using the right of way has at times compromised the health and safety of the pitches and put the health of children at risk. Closure of the right of way and full enclosure of the football pitches is essential in my opinion.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk [REDACTED]	North Bradley Resident		BA14 OSP	No	No	No				As there are a number of areas in the village for residents to walk their dogs, I cannot see how the closure of the right of way would have a great impact on residents. The benefit to those adults and children who play for Trowbridge Town FC however would be great and would ensure the cleanliness of pitches and safety of all those members and visitors of the club.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk [REDACTED]	North Bradley Resident		BA14 OSP	No	No	No				

[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 7SN	No	No	No	My child plays football at the woodmarsh site and i feel it would benefit the children if the right of way was closed. the broken glass, dog excrement, graffiti etc that is found and cleaned up by staff members on a regular basis is disgusting. the right of way is allowing access to members of the public that are clearly not respecting the fact that young children are being put at risk by their mindless vandalism and littering! it is only a matter of time before a child gets injured by broken glass that has been thrown on their pitches! so i for one would love to see the right of way closed off!!
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 9QX	Yes	No	No	I have a young son who plays for the U7 football team and I would like to be confident that he has a safe environment to play in. By this I mean no dog mess and discarded alcohol bottles and cans.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk		BA14 9HL	Yes	No	No	
[REDACTED]		BA14 0NB	Yes	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 8GE	No	No	No	
[REDACTED]		BA14 0LT	No	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 0LT	No	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 7RD	Yes	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA13 4LA	No	No	No	Children having to play football where dogs have been allowed to foul the area
[REDACTED]	North Bradley Resident	BA14 0LS	Yes	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 7TR	Yes	No	No	The stopping of the right of way is essential to protect the young (and older) footballers of Trowbridge Town from litter, glass, weed killer, dog poo. This continued anti-social behaviour does not set a good example to our children and represents a risk to their health. Close the footpath to protect our children. Thank you.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 0SW	Yes	No	No	This area should be kept as a private football and recreation ground for young people of our community, so they can enjoy it without the risks involved with litter and dog mess.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 8SG	No	No	No	
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 8SG	No	No	No	I am looking forward to playing football for trowbridge on a pitch with no dogs mess and broken glass on it...I am aged 8
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 9RY	Yes	No	No	Letter to support closure of Footpath NB1 has already been submitted.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 7QU	No	No	No	I play football at woodmarsh every week & sometimes we have to stop the match to clear up dog muck.
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	Trowbridge Resident	BA14 8UA	No	No	No	

noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	North Bradley Resident		BA14 OSP	No	No	No			Closing the right of way would help to stop the pitches used by children and adults being left in a littered and often disgraceful way. Close the right of way!
noreply@wiltshire.gov.uk	North Bradley Resident		BA14 OSP	No	No	No			Closing the right of way would allow my son to play on a pitch without the risk of broken glass, dog excrement and other litter which users of the right of way leave behind.
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 OHS	No	No	No			my sons football coaching time is reduced due to the time the coaches have to spend at the start of each session clearing up litter/dogs excrement etc
[REDACTED]	Trowbridge Resident		BA14 6BL	Yes	No	No			Very concerned about the environment and risk to health of my young son who plays football here.
[REDACTED]	North Bradley Resident		BA14 OSA		Yes	Yes			I would like to record the fact I am against the closure of the path across woodmarsh playing field .the footballers have closed access across most of the field the foot path is the only path left