From: Peter Newman

To: Susan Higton; Sian Barnes (CSP - Countryside Services)

Subject: Re: Montgomery canal - footpath diversion

Date: 11 December 2017 14:48:42

Thank you for your email.

> \*/Sue Higton /\*//

We were not expecting you to dedicate the towpath as a public right of way, only to allow the diverted path to connect with it.

The status of the towpath would remain as it is currently.

Our contact at Powys County Council is Sian Barnes - sian.barnes@powys.gov.uk

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On 08/12/2017 12:03, Susan Higton wrote:
> Dear Mr. Newman,
> You recently wrote to Wendy Capelle regarding the proposed diversion of
> a footpath at Wernllwyd, next to the Montgomery canal.
> Looking at Powys County Council's plan, they intend to divert the
> footpath within the field so that it connects with the existing path at
> the canal bridge, as currently. We would have no objections to this
> proposal as it has no direct impact on the canal.
> The principle of providing new links to the towpath is a good one but we
> would need to consider the legal and maintenance implications carefully.
> In the past we have been advised not to agree to towpaths becoming
> designated as pubic footpaths as this affects our rights to close the
> towpath for our own works. We would also need to consider
> liability/ownership of the access point(s) and funding implications for
> ongoing maintenance of the accesses and path.
> In addition, any works to provide an additional connection to the
> towpath or make any alterations to the existing access point would need
> to fulfil the requirements of the "Code of Practice for Works Affecting
> the Canal and River Trust" and this link will give you access to the
> code
> https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/business-and-trade/undertaking-works-on-our-property-and-our-code-of-practice
> Would you mind letting me have the details of your contact at Powys
> County Council so that I can discuss the proposal further with them?
> Thank you.
> Kind regards,
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