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Dear Mr Newman

Proposed Public Path Order to Powys County Council at:- Footpath 16, Land adjacent to Aberannell Bungalow, Abergwesyn Road, Beulah. Community of Treflys.

We are writing to you in response to your objection letter dated 3rd April 2021. Firstly, we would like to thank you for taking the time to visit the site. We would very much welcome the opportunity to meet you at the site at your convenience.

Prior to this meeting, can we please ask you to consider the following points:

1. The route you propose will in effect create a two-metre-wide corridor path with fence lines either side making the public follow a path. Currently, the public have access to the open field, which adds to the public enjoyment because we allow the public to walk across the fields, with dogs often off leads. Our proposal would continue to allow them to do this, albeit further up the road.
2. The route you propose would be substantially less convenient to the public, as they would have to lift their dogs over the stile. Currently they use several gates which are not public rights of way, but we have never had a problem with this.
3. The proposed diverted route will admittedly avoid the private garden through which the route currently goes, however it will then run through a building plot which has planning permission and will therefore become another private garden once building commences. Some users of the legal alignment would inevitably feel a sense of uneasiness about intruding into what could be seen as a private space, between the two gardens, regardless of their legal limits. Therefore, by moving the pathway beyond the two housing plots this can be avoided.
4. We are concerned about the responsibility for maintaining a designated 2m corridor pathway through a plot owned by us and in future inhabited by us. Who will be responsible

for clearing weeds, dog excrement and litter? Whereas this will not be as much of an issue in an open field which is naturally grazed.

5. We are keen to facilitate access to the public. In order to do so, we are proposing the installation of a gate, and Powys County Council will erect a waymark. This will enable our local community to have access to the field that they have always enjoyed, without the restriction of having to climb over or lift their dogs over a stile.
6. All other associations and public bodies who have been consulted are supportive of our proposal and have not raised any objections.

We politely request that you reconsider your objection and we ask you for your support of our proposal which we strongly believe is more advantageous and acceptable to the local community.

Yours sincerely

Mike and Julie Evans