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By email to all Consultees

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Dear Consultees,

RE: Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Public Path Order, Leeds Public Footpath 17 Otley Road to Church Lane, Adel LS16 8AF,

SE 2701 4023 to SE 2735 4020

I have been engaged by Leeds City Council as a consultant to assist with processing public path order applications and am sending you this consultation on behalf of their Public Rights of Way Service.

Leeds City Council is considering an application to make a public path order for the section of Leeds Public Footpath No. 17, between Otley Road and Church Lane, Adel.

The application has been made by a developer. Outline planning permission has been granted for a residential development of up to 100 dwellings and associated works under planning application reference 16/06222/OT. This permission includes, in Condition 12, a requirement for public right of way 17 to be upgraded to an all-weather surface and regraded to meet accessibility requirements. Further applications and permissions, 18/04343/RM and 20/06067/Cond dealt with some of the outstanding matters including the proposed position of the re-aligned public right of way.

The public right of way will continue to be a public footpath but will be re-aligned and widened and will have improved gradients. The developer owns all the land crossed by the public footpath between Otley Road and Church Lane and will allow permissive cycle use on the improved route. This will enable a cycle connection between Otley Road and the advisory cycle route on quieter roads to the east.

To achieve the improvements to provide an appropriate route, gradient and width for pedestrians and cyclists, a diversion of parts of the path is proposed. The whole route between Otley Road and Church Lane will be widened to provide a 3 metre wide surfaced route.

The current route has a recorded width of 0.9 metres and cannot be widened without adversely impacting the root zones of adjacent trees, some of which are protected by Tree Preservation Orders.

I enclose two plans. "Leeds 17 Consultation Map 2022" shows in red the sections of path to be closed and, in green, the proposed resulting path. Plan H6344-TL 03N is the developers plan showing the detail of the layout of the site.

The details of the proposed changes are described in the table below. The whole of the path will be surfaced in tarmac with edging.

Section	Change
From Otley Road, easterly for 26 metres – section of footpath to be closed.	26 metres of 3 metre wide public footpath and permissive cycle path to be constructed. The current trodden line does not coincide with the recorded position of the definitive footpath. The diversion will enable construction of the new route with less tree removal than re-instatement of the definitive line.
From 26 metres east of Otley Road for 155 metres in an easterly direction	155 metres of 0.9 metre wide footpath to be widened and surfaced to provide a 3 metre wide footpath and permissive cycle path.
From west side of watercourse, easterly to Church Lane. 183 metres of existing footpath to be closed.	186 metres of new footpath and permissive cycle path to be constructed. The path will be diverted onto a new bridge over the watercourse and new alignment to Church Lane. This will enable construction of the new surfaced path with a width of 3 metres without impacting the root zones of trees. It will also enable the construction of the path without steps. The land around the new path east of the watercourse will be public open space. The existing stone stile structure at the current path junction with Church Lane will remain in place. The new path will be constructed immediately to the south of the stone structure.

I would be grateful to receive any comments that you may have regarding this proposed diversion order by Friday 15 July 2022, so that they may be taken into consideration by the Council. Please could you acknowledge receipt of this consultation, even if you do not wish to comment.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Enc: Plan – Leeds 17 Consultation Map 2022
Plan – H6344-TL 03N