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Sent: 20 January 2020 23:31
To: Sparks, Helen
Cc: grahampfinch@hotmail.co.uk; john@alldigital.marketing
Subject: Fwd: Footpath across Suter's lane development.

Dear Ms Sparks

Re. ROW/3209564 Objection to interim decision for Footpath 44 Wanborough.

I am forwarding an email which I sent to Wanborough Parish Councillors on 9/1/20, and which is, I hope, self-explanatory.

You will have seen the evidence of this short-cut path. It was even on old maps. I realise that the problem was that Gerald Sadler closed what might have been a more 'official' path with his fenced-off ponds, but even before this, we just walked straight across the corner. Certainly since about 1985 we all walked it near to the fence (near the ponds). I had been pleased that the Suter's Lane Development went ahead and facilitated this very good shortcut, only for it then to be closed off - absurd.

I believe that the Parish Council are belatedly supporting its re-instatement, since even those on it are aware of its value and know full well of its long existence.

Best wishes and thank you for your work concerning our Footpath. I attended much of the Enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "davidbirley2002@yahoo.com" <davidbirley2002@yahoo.com>
Date: 9 January 2020 at 09:40:31 GMT
To: cllrnaylor@wanborough.info, cllrwhitfield@wanborough.info, cllremmins@wanborough.info, cllrsmith@wanborough.info, cllrbiggs@wanborough.info
Cc: clerk@wanborough.info, john@ducksbridge.co.uk, grahampfinch@hotmail.co.uk, gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk
Subject: Footpath across Suter's lane development.

Dear Parish Councillors

I am writing to request that the Parish Council makes every effort to have the 'Cut-through' path through Suter's Lane development re-instated, a path that Sue and I have used

for 35 years, living at Marsh Cottage, The Marsh, SN4 0AR.

I am angry that the 'cut-through' path long used by walkers as a safe shortcut through Gerald Sadler's land has now been closed. When Mr Sadler closed off the official path in the 1980s, it didn't matter much, because walkers were taking the obvious cut-through route anyway, supported by the Parish Council in the 1990s. Indeed the route had been used before the 1980s and was on old maps. Mr Sadler facilitated a broad, almost straight route cutting the corner with styles at each end as everyone knows. This gave a safe route avoiding some dangerous road bends.

Indeed, to their credit and presumably because they'd been asked by the Borough Council (and surely with at least implicit support by the Parish Council), the Suter's Lane Developers facilitated the path, to allow walkers to continue to take the shortcut. Now this has been blocked up.

We hope that the Parish Council will please support the **reinstatement of this obvious safe shortcut** which is at present blocked, so that walkers can resume taking the shortcut. Anyone who knew Wanborough before Suter's Lane development knew about this well-used path, and it is, I think, disgraceful that it is now closed, especially with all the increasing motorised traffic in the Marsh.

Yours sincerely

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