

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL BRIEFING PAPER — MAY 2023

ITEM 63 CONSULTATION FOR PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH THROUGH LITTLEWORTH ALLOTMENTS

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Strategic Goal: Goal 3.3 Continue to support wellbeing within the community.

Summary: Details of proposed consultation with residents and the community of Wheatley

regarding the permissive footpath through Littleworth Allotments

1. Introduction

1.1 At the Open Spaces Committee in July 2023, members agreed for a community wide consultation to be carried out, capturing residents' views on whether wider community access to the permissive footpath through Littleworth Allotments should be granted.

1.2 This document provides details on proposals on delivering the consultation.

2. Key information

- 2.1 A draft consultation document has been compiled and has been circulated to members and made available to the public, within the agenda pack.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the consultation will run for nine weeks from 27th July until 30th September extended from six weeks, due to the summer holiday period.
- 2.3 For ease of analysis the consultation will be facilitated online. Links and QR codes will be utilised to signpost residents to the survey, however paper copies will be delivered to properties in the vicinity of the footpath, (including Littleworth Rd, Kellys Rd). Paper copies will be available from the parish office.
- 2.4 Consultation details will be shared within 'Wheatley News' which is hand delivered to 2,000 properties in Wheatley and Holton, as well as accessible from the council's website. Posters will be distributed and displayed, social media posts created with links and details will be available from the website.
- 2.5 Paper responses will be added to the software.
- 2.6 A focus group will be arranged within the consultation period, this will be led by Cllr Sercombe.
- 2.7 Analysis will be carried out during September with a report presented to members at the October meeting, for consideration.

3. Finances

- 3.1 Costs incurred by this consultation and officer time will be accommodated within existing resources.
- 3.2 Additional costs may include the hire of a venue for the focus group, a date for this is to be arranged.