
From: CityParks
Sent: 06 January 2020 10:08 AM
To: Chantelle Hoppe
Subject: FW: FP H23 H24

From: David Gardner [<mailto:dagardner72@gmail.com>]
Sent: 04 January 2020 5:58 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: FP H23 H24

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Hangleton for a number of years and regularly walk my dog over this area.

Since the Footgolf started up I have respected the landowners requests and only used the designated footpath. Walking through the Footgolf course will be dangerous once the whole course is active and there is no need to as the current footpaths give all the access needed.

Those who are against the enforcement of only using the designated footpath have been aggressive and violent to those who have asked them to not leave the footpath.

In my opinion you do not gain anything from using the proposed H23 and H24 footpaths, there is a steep slope in the bottom right corner which is slippery in the wet and therefore dangerous underfoot.

Access to H23 and H24 was never allowed and if the then golf course owners saw you they always told not to go that way.

Kind regards
Mr David Gardner
dagardner72@gmail.com

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 March 2021 17:58

To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley - Footpaths H23 & H24 (EC715.415)

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Dear Stephanie

Thank you for your email today. I am resending my original email of support plus a photograph of one of at least three signs that I know of (and which still exist on the old Golf Course. Please ensure this picture is forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate as evidence that an acquired right of way has been obtained over many many years. The current occupier continues to block access to the disputed footpaths and I hope he is compelled to reinstate this access in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 January 2020 4:21 PM

To: CityParks [REDACTED]

Subject: Hangleton Application for Modification Order Footpaths 1 & 2

Dear Rights of Way Officer

We are writing to support the above Applications as currently the access to the pathways has been blocked by Brighton Footgolf, initially by constructing a wooden fence, then because we simply walked around the fence, by felling a tree to block the pathway, then erecting razor wire and digging a deep ditch and filling it with hawthorn and other similar bushes (which also has not worked). I'm sure you are well aware that the operator of Brighton Footgolf has aggressively harassed anyone, from dog walkers to joggers, to ramblers who he considers to be 'trespassing on his land'. This harassment consists of (supposedly) filming people who use the two disputed paths, physically stopping and verbally intimidating them when trying to make them go back (either up or down the path depending on which way they came). I did once ask him why he was filming people and he replied he had "thousands of people on film and was using it to collect evidence". My response was that his film was surely confirmatory evidence that the paths were used by many different people for different purposes and had acquired a right of way status. Needless to say he disagreed with this view.

We have lived in this area since 1983, initially in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and, since 1998, at our current address of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] During the large majority of that time we have owned dogs and have walked them on the top two parts of the old West Hove Golf Course that were bifurcated during construction of the Brighton Bypass. We walked these lands both prior to and after the 1996 opening of the Brighton Bypass without objection from any of the land owners or other persons using the land for business purposes. It seems to us that, to the extent not previously documented on the 'definitive map', a public right of way has been created over the two disputed pathways. I have said this on several occasions during my 'interactions' with the operator of Brighton Footgolf but he is plainly unwilling to accept the point despite the fact he has only had an interest in the land since 2018. Further, he has quite deliberately and aggressively sought to prevent the public from accessing the two disputed pathways and I hope the Council will either compel him to reinstate the access (ie remove the fence, hawthorn bushes and razor wire) or do so itself at his cost.

I am sure that if asked, the former owners of the land (West Hove Golf Course) would confirm that, whilst they plainly did not encourage it, they did not seek to prevent the public from using the two disputed paths. This may assist the Council and Secretary of State to conclude that both Applications should be confirmed and the access reinstated.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

BENFIELD VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Members of the public and golfers are hereby advised that there is a danger of injury from golf balls.

The operators of the Benfield Valley Golf Course cannot accept liability for any physical injury to persons or damage to property which may occur on this course.

Non golfers are advised to keep strictly to the marked footpaths and walkways and are expressly prohibited from going on to the tees, fairways and greens.

The Manager BENFIELD VALLEY GOLF COURSE
A Member of the R.Green Group of Companies

Stephanie Stammers

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 May 2021 14:24
To: Stephanie Stammers
Subject: Benfield Valley Footpaths H23&H24

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Dear Stephanie

Thanks for your email.

Please include my email to support the documents to be submitted.

I would prefer my name and address to be withheld, if for any reason it got back to the lease holder I fear reprisals.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 May 2021 22:31
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley Footpaths H23 & H24 (EC715.415)

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Hello

Yes, I am happy for my previous email to be made available in order to support this claim for this pathway/rightway to be investigated. This is a public right of way and has been for many years so it seems unfair for it to be taken away from many people within this area who use for walking with or without a dog.

Kind regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2020 1:18 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: BenfieldValley Footpath - B&H DMMO 03/19

Dear Sirs

I am writing with regards to the above. I have been living in the Hangleton district for approximately 19 years and have always walked these paths with my dogs but over recent months there have been several types of obstacles for us to tackle and numerous signs, you name it Mr Richard Philp at Brighton Footgolf has tried his utmost to make our walking unbearable.

Being a loyal community in Hangleton whether we are ramblers, dog walkers or cyclist we have all come together and objected to his outrageous behaviour in blocking all access where possible. He has chopped down trees, put barge wiring up, dug a ditch, it's just been never ending with his arrogant behaviour and also very dangerous with some of his inventions.

I cannot see how we have had access to these paths for years and years and then they are taken away. For what reason? it just doesn't seem to make any sense. Before Brighton Footgolf was there, we never experienced any hassle, it is only been since Mr Richard Philp has taken this over that he has stopped all access to the public.

I am very much in for these paths to be reopened and hope that you get enough support from the Hangleton community and we get our right of way paths back.

Kind regards

From: Gail Davey <gailinaddis@hotmail.com>
Sent: 06 April 2021 10:23
To: CityParks <CityParks@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: B&H DMMO 03/19 Footpaths 1 & 2 Benfield Valley

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I saw the notice stating a decision on these 2 footpaths was soon to be made, and would like to add my support for reinstating them.

Over the last 12 months, it has been very clear how many people have enjoyed being able to walk, cycle, run and dog-walk on the Downs, as a physical and mental antidote to the stresses of the pandemic. Benfield Valley is one of the most beautiful foot-routes up to the Downs. Since people have been discouraged from using the footpath from Hangleton Lane by the tipping in the footgolf car park, it seems even more urgent to restore the two footpaths that allow access from Meads avenue.

Many thanks for considering this viewpoint,

Yours faithfully,

Gail Davey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 16:51
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Dear Ms Stammers,

Thank you for your email.

Please accept this current email as support of my previous email of representation to support the making of a DMMO protecting the 2 historic pathways across Benfield Valley.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 January 2020 5:52 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: B&H DMMO 03/19

Dear Sir/madam

Please register my support for the official addition of 2 footpaths from Meads Avenue across Benfield Valley golf course.

I am a local resident as well as having grown up in the area. The footpaths have been used ever since I can remember (25+ years). They are used by countless local residents to include more elderly residents who now struggle to ascend the steeper access point parallel to the bypass to reach the footbridge.

Access across the golf course should remain available to all as it has been historically.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 16:37
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Dear Stephanie

Thank you for your email

My original objections remain and I would like them to be included / duly noted when the matter is re-referred.

With best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2020 2:53 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: Benfield Valley Footpath, Hangleton, Right of Way

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my full support to have these footpaths (FP H23 and H24) become a public footpath and added to the definitive map of Brighton & Hove Right of Way Footpaths.

Benfield Valley Footpath

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B&H DMMO 03/19	Rights of Way Officer cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk 01273 292929	Hangleton & Knoll	TQ26374 07386 to TQ26291 07574	Benfield Valley Golf Course, Hangleton Lane, Hove BN3 8EB
B&H DMMO 03/19	Rights of Way Officer cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk 01273 292929	Hangleton & Knoll	TQ26353 07397 to TQ26260 07363	Benfield Valley Golf Course, Hangleton Lane, Hove BN3 8EB

I have lived in Brighton and Hove for over 40 years and have grown up in the city. As a resident of [REDACTED] we have for many years, and since before these properties were built over 20 years ago, enjoyed unobstructed access and use of these footpaths across Benfield Valley. In recent months the current leaseholder of this land has erected obstructions to these footpaths, some of which have presented a danger to the public, their pets and wildlife (for example erecting fencing with razor wire and felling a tree to block access). I believe that reinstating access to these footpaths and clarifying their legal status as a public right of way is now the way forward. This action reinstates what the public have, for more than 20 years, enjoyed. Making these paths a public right of way provides legal protection of the public's right to use and enjoy the paths. I am sure reasonable solutions can be found to potential problems of fouling, such as provision of dog waste bins and public notices reminding dog walkers of their responsibility to keep their dogs under close control and clear up their mess.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

With best wishes

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Stephanie Stammers

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 20:14
To: Stephanie Stammers
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Dear Stephanie,

I would still support my original submission regarding objecting to the obstruction of the foot paths and diversion by the current land user of the principle south to north path.

If you require anything further please let me know.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Stephanie Stammers

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 January 2020 19:29
To: Stephanie Stammers
Subject: Fwd: Brighton Footpath B23 & B24

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 26 January 2020 at 16:48:18 GMT
To: "cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk" <cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Cc: "dawn.barnett@brighton-hove.gov.uk" <dawn.barnett@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Brighton Footpath B23 & B24

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to send my support to the action you are taking in restoring footpaths B23 and B24 which provide access from Meads Avenue to The South Downs.

As a resident of Hangleton, I have utilised these paths daily to gain access to the Downs to avoid the severe gradient of the existing path.

The residency of the current incumbent of Benfield Valley Golf seems to have been determined to prevent lawful access to these footpaths and in doing so has severely damaged the land. Having blocked the access point with a fence panel he then felled a living tree to block off the path the remnants of which can be seen in the below photograph.



Not satisfied with this he has then dug a deep trench behind the fence panel which initially was wired off by wire fence with warning signs, unfortunately wild life cannot read! This area is

apparently of archaeological importance and yet with complete disregard this deep trench has been dug.



Following publication of the modification order he has continued to block access points and only last week has started to construct a fence to block off the top section of the reinstated paths route.





Whilst the reinstatement of these two paths will be welcomed by the residents of Hangleton who have been denied their use by the antics of the Foot Golf proprietor, you should also insist on the reinstatement of footpath H8a. This path as shown on the map should run in a straight line from the post to the northwest of gardens in Meads Avenue to the finger post at the junction with the restricted byway. The Foot Golf has diverted this path for their own needs to facilitate a hole and it now follows an 'S' line.



I would also like to point out the disgraceful state remaining sections of this listed estate are being left in with builders fences and discarded catering trailers, which have been in place as an eyesore for over a year now.





As a resident who has a back garden which backs on to the golf course why were we not consulted about the change in use from conventional Golf to Foot Golf? The two games may be similar but the clientele playing the sports are completely different. We have gone from a genteel sport with etiquette and decorum to one played by football fans who treat the course like the terraces at a match. The volume of foul language we now have to endure on a sunny weekend is not what we signed up for when we moved here. I also understand a liquor license has been granted, again we were not consulted. Can I ask have the appropriate processes been followed in changing the use and granted the license?

We have suffered hostility and harassment since this change in use of the Golf Course, with the reinstatement of these paths I would like to think a tranquil shared use of common land can be restored without more veiled threats from the land user.

I fully support the reinstatement of these paths which have been in use for at least fifty years to my knowledge. This will enable the less able bodied elderly residents to once more access this land to enjoy the diverse beauty of the Downs, which due to the severe incline of the restricted by-way they have been denied over the last two years.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 23:51
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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To whom it may concern

With regards to the proposed public paths through Benfield Valley. I would support the application as outlined.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2020 11:56 AM
To: CityParks
Subject: Benfield footgolf proposed pathway

As per the information provided at the Meads ave entrance to Benfield valley public way. I agree with the proposed addition of both public ways Thank you [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Huawei Mobile

From: Mike Harman <mike.harman@btinternet.com>
Sent: 25 March 2021 18:09
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Hi Stephanie,

I can confirm that my strong opinion is that the two footpaths mentioned should be made Rights of Way since they have been used by local people for over 20 years before restrictions introduced by the current owners of Brighton Foot Golf

Mike Harman

17 Warrene Road

Hove

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mike Harman <mike.harman@btinternet.com>
Sent: 25 March 2021 18:09
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

From: Mike Harman [<mailto:mike.harman@btopenworld.com>]
Sent: 06 January 2020 9:43 AM
To: CityParks
Subject: BENFIELD VALLEY FOOTPATH UPDATE

Dear Sir/Madam

I saw the notice from the Rights of Way Officer regarding the two footpaths across Benfield Valley Golf Course (FP H23 and FP H24). I moved into the road adjacent to the Golf Course some 23 years ago and enjoying the outdoors always used the two aforementioned footpaths until the owner of the new Football Golf closed them off. I know of numerous other people in this area who were equally aggrieved when this occurred. I would like To support the proposal for these paths to become public footpaths and added to the definitive map of Brighton and Hove Rights of Way Footpaths. This would greatly benefit the local community if enacted.

Many thanks.

Mike and Helen Harman
17 Warrene Road
Hove
BN3 8EG

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 April 2021 16:41
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Thank you for your email regarding Benfield Valley map modification EC715.415

My original comments should stand as I continue to support these footpaths reinstatement. These comments would have confirmed that the footpaths that had been in common use for many years (more than 20) and should be allowed to continue to be used across the Benfield Valley. The current management of this land is poor as they (?) lack understanding with apparent complete ignorance of wildlife conservation. Putting up barbed wire, digging out deep ditches across the old footpaths and felling healthy trees including a substantial walnut tree should be a criminal offence.

Regards [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2021 16:09
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Hello Stephanie,

Thank you for your email about the Benfield Valley footpaths (EC715415). I have often wondered where this issue went in the system. Good to know that it is still up for review. My comments, which I vaguely remember, will still stand. I continue to object to what has been a regularly used footpath over 20 years being blocked off. The manner of the blockage feels aggressive and it was destructive of a healthy walnut tree. Plus erecting barbed wire in a scrub area in front of a deep ditch (dug in purpose) is a doubly dangerous reckless action by the current managers of this land.

Regards [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2020 12:38 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: Benfield Valley Footpath

For the attention of the Rights of Way Officer

Please register my support for the Benfield Valley footpaths as per notice pinned to notice board at beginning of bridle-path off Meads Avenue.

- 1) Meads Avenue restricted byway H11a to footbridge over A27 and,
- 2) Meads Avenue restricted byway H11a to footpath H8a

I had been regularly using the first footpath to the footbridge and have found the obstructions put in place unnecessarily aggressive and the large ditch possibly a concern for small wildlife (e.g. hedgehogs) or even a danger to young people who like to go exploring. Also the management of the land with planting does not seem appropriate to the area and will in the long run become a nuisance.

I appreciate concerns of the Foot Golf Manager with those who do not respect the country code but these people are a small minority and are similar issues for our country side in general. Ultimately open access to what were regularly used footpaths over many years should be reinstated.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 17:02
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Hi Stephanie

Please accept this email as acknowledgment of my original representation in support of making two footpaths and DMMO across Benfield Valley.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2020 11:04 AM
To: CityParks
Subject: Benfield Valley footpath

Good morning,
I would like to show my SUPPORT to get the pathways back on the Benfield Valley (Footgolf course) please.
We really miss them & the other pathways are very steep & difficult.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: bob.lyon43@gmail.com <bob.lyon43@gmail.com>
Sent: 13 May 2021 11:55
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley Footpaths H23 & H24 (EC715.415)

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Yes please .

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Thu, 13 May 2021 at 11:28, Stephanie Stammers
<Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to my e-mail of 25.03.21 regarding the submission of this application to the Planning inspectorate for adjudication.

It would be very helpful if you could advise whether or not you would like your original e-mail in support to be included with the documents for the Planning Inspectorate.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

In response to the current situation with Covid 19, many of the Legal team are not in the office. Please use email, Skype or phone to contact us. Many thanks.

Stephanie Stammers | Solicitor | Brighton & Hove City Council

Room G101, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove BN3 3BQ

T 01273 291523 | stephanie.stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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From: Bob Lyon [mailto:bob.lyon43@gmail.com]
Sent: 30 January 2020 3:42 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: Footgolf footpaths

85 Hangleton Valley Drive

Hove
Brighton
BN3 8EJ
30-1-2020

Dear Sir Or Madam,

I Robert Lyon and Ita Lyon of the above address would like the two footpaths known as H23 and H24 to be reinstated and added to the definitive map of Brighton & Hove Right of way footpaths

Robert Lyon
Ita Lyon

PS sorry cannot print and sign.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 April 2021 19:57
To: CityParks <CityParks@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Footpath reinstatement H23 and H24

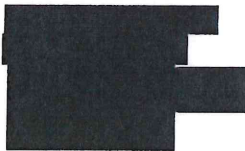
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We write as local residents and previous users of these paths to fully support their re opening and re instatement.

These paths have been well used for as long as any of us can remember and make a popular convenient route either as part of a circuit of Benfield valley or up onto the downs into the Country Park and occasionally over to Truleigh Hill or The Shepherd and Dog pub.

The (illegal?) inconvenient blocking of the paths has meant all of us trudging along the alternative dog mess strewn path with no views beside garden fences over to some steps in the corner, a route few would have chosen previously.

We look forward to your support in reinstating these local paths, thank you.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 18:32
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Stephanie

Please take this email as confirmation of support for my previous representation in support of the footpaths being recognised.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2020 7:37 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: B&H DMMO 03/19

FAO Rights of Way Officer

I would like to write in support of the application to make footpaths FP H23 and H24 rights of way. In the ten years I have lived and been walking in the area these have been well used footpaths and in my opinion should continue to do so. Given the somewhat aggressive attitude of the current operator of the Benfield valley (foot) golf course towards local walkers, it is clear he is not going to permit the ongoing use of these paths without them being formally recognised as public footpaths. Indeed, if this does not happen, I feel it will embolden his attitude, erection of barriers, and use of barbed wire.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 18:09
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Benfield Valley footpaths

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Dear Stephanie
I would like my previous representation to be considered in this matter.

Yours faithfully

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2020 5:16 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: Footpaths in Hangleton

I have lived in Hangleton for 14yrs and my husband for 32yrs and there has always been footpath access across the field behind Meads Ave and I believe these footpaths (FP H23 and H24) should be public rights of way.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2021 09:00
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Dear Stephanie

Thank you for your email which was extremely disappointing to read.

I would like to confirm that my original email in support of DMMO still stands.

I really cannot begin understand why it has taken 15 months to inform us that the map footpaths should be coloured purple instead of red! Is this a loophole to try and dismiss or further delay our application?

I totally appreciate the covid situation but the business world has not come to a complete standstill and I find it difficult to accept as I know offices adapted to home working after the initial shock of covid in March 2019 .

It is now March 2021 and can anybody please explain why it has only just come to light about the colour markings on the map?

Please keep me informed of the next step.

Many thanks

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2020 6:49 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: Benfield Valley Footpaths 1&2

I would just like to write to express my full support to the DMMO for the above footpaths.

For years and years these paths have been used and enjoyed by the community and it has been devastating since we have all been denied access to these paths.

Since the bypass was built these paths have been used unchallenged and when it was previously Benfield Valley Golf course we all used the paths 'at our own risk' giving respect to the golfers and it worked very well indeed. There was never a problem with this.

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The blocking off of the paths in question has been completely unnecessary and caused so much anger amongst the public that have used the two paths for well over twenty five years.

The official public footpath that we are all forced to use from Meads Ave is both unsafe and dangerous for the elderly to negotiate. There is a blind bend and a steep muddy, chalky slippery hill which has caused many accidents and broken bones.

I hope that we can all soon enjoy the footpaths in question again and that we will be able to gain access from Meads Ave as before.

Yours faithfully

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the sender.

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Stephanie Stammers

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 March 2021 19:53
To: Stephanie Stammers
Cc: CityParks
Subject: Subject: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Hi

Please accept this email as confirmation of my continued support to reinstate both foot paths across Benfield Valley.

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

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Stephanie Stammers

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2021 16:54
To: Stephanie Stammers
Subject: Fwd: Brighton Footpaths B23 & 24. Consultation period

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Hi Stephanie

Thank you for the update on the Benfield Valley Paths. It's very disappointing that it has not been resolved and all the comments need to be submitted again. Please find my original email attached to this one giving my reasons for supporting the paths being reopened.

I do hope this can be resolved more quickly now; the severe weather this winter rendered the existing paths across the foot golf course pretty much impassable for some weeks. I suspect if the proposed paths had been reopened so spreading the footfall over more paths the existing path would not have become so churned up and dangerous. I had a conversation with the business owner who was clearly frustrated at people trying to circumnavigate the worst parts of the path by walking over the foot golf course. I would be interested to know if he has changed his mind at all regarding his opposition to the alternative paths.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further comments or information

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, 15 Jan 2020 at 18:08
Subject: Brighton Footpaths B23 & 24. Consultation period
To: <Cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Hibberd

I am writing to express my support to the formalising of the above pathways as Rights of way. I have lived in Hangleton for 30 years, initially in Sunninghill Avenue and more recently Hangleton Valley Drive close to its junction with Meads Avenue.

As both a runner and dog walker; I am a frequent user of the local pathways. I free very strongly that these pathways should be Formally established as Rights of Way.

The existing bridleway parallel to Warene Road:

- Is not fit for purpose. For many months of the year it is incredibly hard to walk along as it becomes horrendously muddy and slippery, as it is at the time of writing this.
- As a bridleway it is commonly used by Horse riders but it can be extremely difficult for other users to pass Horses/Riders due to the constricted width of the pathway.

The north end of the path where it turns east/west:

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- is incredibly steep; even as a fit person I struggle to walk up this steep incline, and avoid walking down it as the loose gravel on the steepest part is inclined to roll under your feet feeling very unsafe. I have had numerous slips and count my blessings that I have not actually fallen over. I know many other people have.

The proposed paths give an alternative option to these narrow pathways, which would be free from Horse Riders, less muddy and less steep.

They would also give an additional option for people to walk from the lower end of Benfield valley (Sainsburys end), off Road all the way to Meads Avenue.

These paths have been used habitually by local people for many years; I certainly have been aware of and used them as far back as I can remember. If there is a time criteria for establishment of Rights of Way based on long term usage, I assume this has easily been met. Even before I lived in Hangleton; I remember running on these paths with the Hedgehoppers Running Club who are still based in Portslade.

I am aware that since the current Land Manager has tried to stop walkers using the paths it has created a great deal of bad feeling amongst local residents, and that some of the methods used to deter walkers have been downright dangerous. I believe that a fully agreed and clear Right of way should enable all parties to rebuild a positive relationship and achieve an outcome for all users to enjoy the area without conflict.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 June 2021 15:19
To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Benfield Valley Footpaths H23 & H24

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Dear Stephanie

Please do include my original representation with the new order. And thank you for contacting me in relation to this matter!

Best wishes

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 January 2020 1:32 PM
To: CityParks
Subject: Footpaths FPH23 and H24

Dear City Parks

I am writing to request that these two walks become public footpaths. Like many others I have walked around this land for many years and since it became the FootGolf course have discovered that two desire line footpaths have been blocked and there have been several altercations between the FootGolf owners and the people who have been walking the land for decades. It's a great shame that just as Waterhall Golf Course is about to be rewilded, the FootGolf course has become less accessible and less welcoming to hikers, runners, and dog walkers. Making these two rights of way permanent is a bare minimum to preserve public access to land that has, by and large, been removed from public use by the new owners.

Yours ever

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-----Original Message-----

From [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 March 2021 21:32

To: CityParks <CityParks@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Benfield Valley - 2 pathways as noted on the order of 10th March

This email originates from outside of Brighton & Hove City Council. Please think carefully before opening attachments or clicking on links.

I just wanted to voice my support for re-instating the two paths up to Benfield Valley as referenced in your order of 10th March 2021.

These are important access routes and would be very welcome at a time when the other primary path up to the valley is crowded, muddy and rutty and goes past the unfriendly and occasionally hostile people who run Brighton Footgolf. Re-instating these two paths is a great idea and would help a lot of people get access to the valley and national park beyond.

Thanks for proposing this.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

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Stephanie Stammers

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 June 2021 11:50
To: Stephanie Stammers
Subject: Benfield Valley Footpaths H23 & H24

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FAO Stephanie Stammers

Can my name be added to the list of people wishing for access to be re gained onto benfield valley golf course via meads avenue hove where it has been blocked off as access behind the properties become very Steep and muddy to avoid breaking my neck. I also have a photo of the letter which accompanies this notice should it be required to know which site I am talking about thankyou [REDACTED]

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The map shows the proposed footpath along the field (now Foot
Meads Avenue. If you want these footpaths (FP H23 and H24)
added to the definitive map of Brighton & Hove Right of Way For
your view to the Rights of Way Officer, Stanmer Nursery, Stanmer
Sussex BN1 9SE or email Cityparks@brighton-hove.gov.uk by 30.
object to this pathway becoming a right of way write and express

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2021 08:28
To: CityParks <CityParks@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Proposed footpaths H23 and H24

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Ref The Brighton & Hove (Brighton Footpaths H23 & H24)
Benfield Valley Definitive Map Modification Order 2021

Sir,

I would like to register my support for the above order providing two footpaths in the Benfield Valley area. Prior to these same paths being blocked/removed by the leaseholder they had been in use by the local residents for over 30 years without causing any issues. It would be good to formally reinstate them.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: ollie wilkins <olliewilkins16@hotmail.co.uk>

Sent: 25 March 2021 19:57

To: Stephanie Stammers <Stephanie.Stammers@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Application for definitive map modification order at Benfield Valley (EC715.415)

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Good evening, as previously stated for the footpaths to be re-opened I have attached a copy of my original email which outlines my views regarding this matter.

To the rights of way officer, I write to state my agreement of the reinstatement of the footpaths in Benfield Valley previously known as Benfield golf course, this path has been used by myself and my family for nature walks and dog walking for in excess of 20 years and would love to see it re opened with the ditch filled in, the razor wire removed, fence and rubble also removed to allow access to the public.

Regards,
The Wilkins Family.

20 Meads Avenue
Hove
BN3 8EE

-----Original Message-----

From: ollie wilkins [mailto:olliewilkins16@hotmail.co.uk]

Sent: 30 January 2020 4:33 PM

To: CityParks

Subject: Benfield Valley Footpath

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