

OBJ/48

Mr. & Mrs. P. Brace.

S27 - Barrells & S28 - Grove farm.

In addition to our statement of case in which there was denial of the proposed relocation of footpath 005 Thurston dated 4/1/2017 (OBJ/48 W1/1) we submit a letter from Network rail dated 13/12/17 stating that the footpath was requested to be moved at the round 2 consultation in September 2016 (OBJ/48 W1/2) This is the first time that we have been told when the application to move the footpath was made, in spite of repeated queries. We did not receive confirmation of this proposed relocation until March 2017. The maps at the consultation in September 2016 did not show the proposed new footpath. (See statement of case)

We were surprised we did not receive this information as part of an answer to our e-mailed question (Ref:- #170405-000049) which was sent 5/4/17 for which we still have had no reply just updates saying it was being referred.

The landowner of footpath 005 Thurston cited the problem of burglary, dogs off lead and mess.(OBJ/48 W1/3) This footpath is not sited near his house and if the footpath were to be relocated then we would have the same problems since the substantial barrier between our two properties has been removed (See statement of case photographs) and the proposed footpath will be much closer to our house and outbuildings.

Instead of having a footpath across one corner of our property we will have one along the south and west, affecting privacy, security and value.

A proposal to put a footbridge over S-27 (OBJ/48 W1/4) was deferred for future consideration, but would not be possible if the footpath was relocated, especially relevant as there is outline planning for 800 houses in Thurston. (OBJ/48 W1/5)

Alternative proposals:-

Bring forward proposal for footbridge at S27- Barrells as outline planning for 800 houses has now been passed.

Go back to plan proposed at consultation 2 in September 2016.

If footpath is relocated to our boundary a 2 meter solid fence will be required between the footpath and our boundary for the length of the footpath, for security and safety of us and livestock. We have a menage that will be situated between the two new proposed footpaths where sudden sights or noises could be hazardous.