Bagnall Parish Council

Proposed new field entrance off Bagnall Road, Bagnall to access Footpath 24 via a new Permissive ROW.

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The Parish Council has been approached by local residents who desire to create a pedestrian link from Bagnall to Light Oaks. A preliminary desk study has established that the construction cost for the installation of a conventional pavement, alongside the road from Bagnall Heights to connect with the existing pavement at Light Oaks, is beyond the budget of a small Parish Council like Bagnall.

A Public footpath already exists, Bagnall Footpath 24, which connects Bagnall with Light Oaks and passes through Oaks Barn field. The Parish Council considers that, with some amendments, this footpath potentially offers a safe route between the two communities.

It has been recognised that the existing road crossing point, to the northern end of Bagnall Footpath 24, is at times dangerous for slow moving pedestrians due to the speed of traffic and dips and bends in the highway. The Parish Council has recently reached an agreement with the owner of Oaks Barn to create a new pedestrian access to the field/ footpath. The proposed location adjacent to the bus stop outside Bagnall Heights utilises the existing drop kerbs and also provides a safer road crossing point. A short length of concessionary footpath across part of the field has been agreed to provide access the current line of Bagnall Footpath 24. It is envisaged that with time the use of the current stile at the northern end of footpath 24 will reduce and at some point in the future a formal diversion may be requested.

As mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the intention of the Parish Council is to make the footpath more accessible and consequently we also propose to replace the existing stile at the southern end of the field with a new gate. By replacing access to the footpath from the existing stiles with gates would be following the good practice outlined in the DEFRA guidance for disability equality. (Countryside & Rights Of Way Act 2000 and Disability Discrimination Act 2005).

An aerial view which indicates the location of the proposed new field entrance and alignment of the concessionary footpath is appended to this document.



A visual representation of the new field entrance

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23	*F.P.*	County road at Greenway Cottage.	Greenway Hall Road, N.W. of Greenway Hall.
24	*F.P.*	County road opposite end of Hospital Road.	Parish boundary at Light Oaks.
25	*F.P.*	Thorneyedge Road, at Bagnall Springs.	County road about 150 yds. S.E. of Salter's Well







