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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

I would like to point out that I have no objection to the building of this dwelling or would have no objections to further dwellings being built in moderation. I commend the builder for the quality of the first 3 properties that were built and the consideration of working tidy during the first development, causing little disruption to the residents of the avenue.

However, I do strongly object to the access being denied through the gate into the field. Since the avenue was first built in 2002, residents have been able to access the field to join the public path that runs through the field at the bottom, to gain access to the village, bus stops, shops, pubs, school and community centre.

During the last phase of the last development, the builder left a pathway between 84 and the new build, so residents could still access the pathway during the works. This well received by the residents. However, towards the end of the development this access was removed.

Since the last houses were completed, the owner of the end house with the builder has taken it on him self to lock the gate into the field and add preventive measure to stop people climbing over the gate. This has caused great upset to the residents of the avenue, who used to use the access regular.

As already commented by many on here, PROW Cheddleton 38 is a very popular and well used path. With this shortcut denied to the pathway for many residents, it has caused many especially parents, to use their cars to take children to school instead of walking, to which is not good for the environment and health of the children by not walking.

I do understand that the farmer has concerns, with dogs and livestock in the field, but this can not be the case, as mentioned above, there is already a very popular footpath going through the field.

A suggestion would be to leave a space between the new house (next to 84) and the new bungalow, with 6ft fencing on both sides to give the 2 houses on each side privacy, creating a new public access that joins the existing public footpath (PROW Cheddleton 38). This would stop residents directly going into the field, where livestock might be, stop any damage to the farmers gate by people climbing over, give privacy to the house at the end and would cause no disturbance to the end houses with a heavy farm gate being constantly opened and slamming shut.

Please consider my comments,

Many thanks,

Stephen Kirk

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