

Dear Nicola Gandy

1. Subject of my complaint:

The absence of "a pedestrian access through the site" (Land North of Feidr Eglwys) "from the affordable housing"

By my calculation, 21 working days have passed since your admin support replied in response to our (...and myself) having submitted the evidence "by the community" requested by Caroline Bowen, in her words, "to show how the provision of a footpath would benefit the wider community (ie) due to the lack of a safe route, the volume of people that would use the route etc." This evidence included a webcam video of the existing pedestrian route into town along Feidr Eglwys and Church Street, where there are no pavements and steep sides with nowhere to jump out of the way of vehicles, and where parts of the lane enable only one way traffic, and especially in summer traffic is heavy. We also supplied signatures of those living in the new affordable housing and residents around College Square who agree that the footpath is needed. These were obtained in winter, when many residents are away. In summer, the population of the area increases substantially.

Apart from the acknowledgement letter received from admin, we have not heard anything more.

My records show that I first raised the matter of the absence of a safe footpath in January 2019.

Newport Town Council has also told you of its concern.

I therefore now formally write to complain and to accuse the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority of maladministration in not carrying out the instructions of the Development Management Committee as given in the minutes of their meeting in November 2015 (My emphasis)

***"That the application be delegated to the Chief Executive/Director of Park Direction and Planning/Head of Development Management to grant planning permission subject to conditions set out in the original report together with the additional condition from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water and the provision of a pedestrian access through the site from the affordable housing"***

2. At the same time, I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

2a) Correspondence

All correspondence between the Development Management Team (DMT) and the applicant/applicant's agent in 2015 and onwards and the County Council from November 2015 and onwards concerning provision of the said footpath

All correspondence and records of telephone conversations between the DMT and the current Owner /Developer concerning provision of the said footpath

2b) Records of Site Visits

All records since November 2015 showing that ways to achieve the safe footpath were considered during site visits

2c) Plans

All plans, including sketch plans, submitted to the DMT or produced by the DMT showing how the safe footpath can be provided, both after the DMC meeting in 2015 and after this matter was raised in January 2019

In particular

- By using the wide gap in the hedgerow existing in 2016 and prior to development on the East boundary of the site used for affordable housing
- By forming a small gap in the North hedge before erecting the fences to the gardens of the terrace of affordable housing on the North side of the site according to the stamped approved drawings, and not as now erected
- By a path along College Stream, again before erecting garden fences around the most Eastern house

2d) Evidence

Evidence that the ecology of the bank to College Stream has been so carefully looked after during construction work that it would be unreasonable to now form a footpath along it

2e) Any Counsel's advice received on this matter by the Authority

Yours sincerely