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Dear Stefan,

Thank you for the update.

I am pleased to see that Llanmor has taken on the concerns expressed by Gelligaer Ramblers in the meeting and has kept the footpath on its legal line going through the Public Open Space Area 2. I trust that the engineering difficulties, that were outlined in the meeting, of keeping it on this line have been overcome and that the footpath is safe to use now and in the foreseeable future.

I am also pleased to see that there has been some effort to stop vehicles parking on the pavement, by the erection of a metal knee rail. Nevertheless I am disappointed that such measures have not been used in other places. Whilst it is accepted that rails cannot be erected so as to block access to houses and flats there could be extra knee rails to block vehicles parking anywhere on the pavements where the public footpath has been diverted.

We are told by national Government, Welsh Government and by our local authority that more must be done to make it easier for people to walk for pleasure and as part of their daily routine for shopping etc. People will not walk when it is dangerous to do so and it



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appears to be an accepted part of life that motorists can and will park on pavements with impunity. Either our rights of way must be totally protected and not be diverted onto pavements or pavements must be protected so that they cannot be used as parking

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I am still not totally happy that the plans indicate that the public right of way has been protected and therefore I will oppose the plan.

Yours sincerely,

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