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15<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Dear Mrs Piper,

**Support for a Modification Order to Extinguish Footpath 64 in the Community of Bedwellty**

Thank you for your letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 of which the contents have been noted.

Regarding the council's belief there is an error between the footpath alignment (A - B) shown in the Definitive Map and to what historically the public actually use (E - C - D) we too can support this view for the following reasons.

Firstly, the beginning of the erred alignment at point A, on your proposed plan, apparently runs along the outer western parameter of the Coal Yard and on top of a very steep and heavily overgrown embankment. This embankment has always been heavily covered with dense vegetation making it virtually impossible for members of the public to gain access through it. Furthermore, the steepness of the embankment off Waunborfa Road has gabion basket support for an earlier landslip which has clearly prevented any alleged public access up to the present day.

The second issue regarding this erred alignment at point A is it passes directly along the southern boundary of the Coal Yard and directly across the vehicular parking area outside the Yard. This alignment would have clearly brought members of the public and users of the Coal Yard into conflict regarding safety issues. We have never seen any members of the public walk along this part of the erred alignment nor attempted to. Furthermore to our best knowledge no members of the public have requested the removal of any parked vehicles allegedly parked upon the footpath or made any official complaint to the relevant authority.

On the other hand, over the years we have witnessed members of the public ingress and egressing the proposed dedicated footpath alignment (E - C - D), as depicted on your enclosed plan, between points E - to - C. One of the reasons for dedicating this footpath to the public was to minimise any conflict between users of the Coal Yard and public footpath users crossing our property. Historically

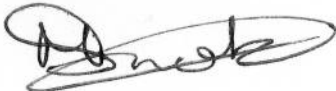
public footpath users used this alignment as it was/is the most common sense approach for their safety.

For the above reasons we submit this letter in support of the Modification Order proposing the extinguishment of erred FP64 alignment on the Definitive Map.

We are further in favour of the authority proposed alignment of E – C – D on the plan enclosed as the historically correct alignment of FP64 in the Community of Bedwellty.

We hope the above will assist your department in correcting this error. We would appreciate being informed of the progress of this matter. If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs M Soroko', written in a cursive style.

Mrs M Soroko