

Name of meeting and date:

Planning sub-committee (Heavy Woollen Area) 17 February 2021

Title of report:

Application (amended proposal) for diversion order - public footpath Spenborough 110 (part), near Spen Valley Leisure Centre, Bradford Road, Liversedge. Highways Act 1980, section 119

1. Purpose of report

Members are asked to consider and decide whether to authorise the making of an order to divert part of public footpath Spenborough 110 at the Spen Valley Leisure Centre, which would stop up part of public footpath 110 and provide a diversionary route. The public footpath route to be stopped up, and the proposed diversionary route to be created are shown on appended plan 1 at App A. Members are asked to make a decision on the Council's making and confirmation of a relevant diversion order.

2. Summary of Report

An application has been made to the Council for an order to stop up part of public footpath Spenborough 110 at the Spen Valley Leisure site and provide an alternative route, in the interests of the landowner.

Background context – members should note that the Council made an earlier order for an order under delegated powers, which attracting one objection. This amended proposal seeks to address the issues raised, offering improvement to the proposed new route, in terms of width, surface, as well as improving gradients and removing steps. The application amended proposals have been submitted by members of the Council's project team for the Spen Valley Leisure Centre redevelopment.

3. Ward Councillor comments

Ward members have been consulted, prior to the making of the earlier order, and recently on the amended proposal.

No objection has been received from members. Cllr Granger-Mead raises no issue with the amended proposal. Officers would update members as appropriate on any further comment.

4. Officer recommendations and reasons

Officers recommend that members authorise the making of an order to divert public footpath Spenborough 110 (part) on land at and adjacent to the Spen Valley Leisure Centre, and for officers to seek confirmation of the diversion order. Officers consider that the proposal is appropriate, expedient and would satisfy the relevant legal criteria, described in the full report.