

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The Warwickshire County Council Public Path Order Orders

Parish of Wishaw

Order No. 1 2024, Path No. M463

STATEMENT CONTAINING WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S COMMENTS ON THE OBJECTIONS

Five objections were received along with one indication of support. All correspondence was acknowledged, and three of the four objections were spoken to in person.

Objections and support for the Order are set out at **Doc Ref 04** together with the response provided to each point raised.

The majority of objections to the Order were based on the characteristics of D373 Grove Lane and the perceived 'safety issues' at the point where the proposed route intersects with the carriageway. There was only one objection based on the suitability or physical nature of the proposed diversion route.

Comments on the Objections

A site visit to assess the 'road safety' concerns was undertaken by both council officers and elected members. It is the collective view of the OMA that the perceived dangers suggested by some objectors were not apparent and that the proposed route would create no greater risk to users than either the existing route or any other right of way across the County joining carriageways governed by the National Speed Limit or displaying similar physical characteristics.

The Bridle gates on the proposed route (at points D and E) govern entrance/exit to a field intended for the housing of horses. The gates in question would meet the needs of users and the landowner.

The objections received do not alter the OMA's view that the necessary legal tests for making an Order have been met.