

Paper Petition Details

Petition Against Foxborough Close Cut Through Closure

This petition refers to the opening that separates the play area in Quantock Close and the caravan site in Foxborough Close, whereby, Slough Borough Council along with some residents in Foxborough Close want the said above opening closed permanently and moved to what is known locally as curly wurly by M4.

Action petitioned for:

We the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge Slough Borough Council to re-consider the closure and moving the said opening not just because of easy access but more importantly health and safety. Residents on Foxborough Close and possibly beyond use this well known opening to gain easy access to local shops and Langley Health Centre and would mean further to walk for the elderly and for those with difficulty in walking especially in bad weather conditions.

This petition was received on 7th December, 2017 by the Public Rights of Way Officer.

This petition was responded to by the Public Rights of Way Officer on 18th December, 2017.

This petition was published on the Council web on 20th December, 2017.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	72
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Council Response

Thank you for submitting a signed application form dated 7th December, 2017, for a modification to the definitive map and statement along with user evidence in the form of template letters and a petition signed by residents in surrounding roads.

There is a statutory process with forms set out in (statutory) Regulations that should be used to make such an application. Using the correct statutory forms and process means that the application can be validated by the Council. The applicant for a validated application has certain important appeal rights which they may not be able to use if the application is made in a non-complaint way. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to make use of the correct application forms and follow the statutory process carefully.

However, if evidence suggesting that a right of way subsists comes to the attention of the Council by another means (such as in a letter accompanied by evidence of use) then the Council will still investigate that evidence.

As regards user evidence forms, Councils use such forms to gather the detailed evidence that experience shows will be needed when the Council comes to investigate the matter. Letters can be accepted but often do not contain the detail that is required,

or do not clearly express the detail that is required. Letters that do not contain relevant details and are not accompanied by a signed map showing the route in question will usually be given less evidential weight than a fully completed form with an attached signed map.

As we discussed, the letters you've submitted as evidence do not contain the user's address, are all worded the same and none of them are accompanied by a signed map showing the route in question. Though I appreciate the difficulty with asking people to complete the statutory forms I do feel that in light of this, I can confirm that the application you have submitted is not duly made, but that the evidence you have submitted will be investigated.

I also acknowledge and will take account of the historic OS map brought to my attention dated 1910- 1923.

Please contact me if you have any queries on the above and I will be in touch in due course.