

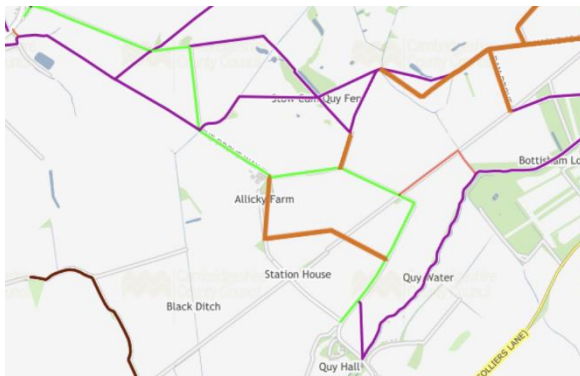
Further submission on behalf of the British Horse Society

Further to the previous submission : <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WW010003/representations/56221> , I would like to comment on the claims made at the hearing about the creation of a new bridleway / restricted byway along the old railway line would result in anti-social behaviour.

I have no knowledge of any anti-social behaviour associated with rightful users of bridleways in Cambridgeshire and was concerned that such spurious claims had been made.

Other matters such as fly tipping are illegal events and a matter for the police, nothing to do with the fact that the path is a right of way since these illegal events occur on all types of highways. What needs to be addressed is how to stop people fly tipping not to prevent law abiding people enjoying the countryside otherwise we will all be confined to our paddocks / gardens.

There are already a number of DMMO applications for the area. They are the orange routes marked on the map and are being applied for to correct the status of these paths believed to be bridleways based on historic evidence:



The more paths and better the network, the less pressure on each path, especially since this is an area where more housing is planned, meaning more people will want to access the countryside. The better used the network, the better it will be protected by those who recognise the importance of public rights of way. Cambridgeshire County Council's Climate Change and Environment Strategy recognises Natural Capital and undertakes to invest in and protect our natural environment on which we all rely for health, well-being and wider benefits. The BHS would not support changing any natural surface paths which are so important for soft surface users such as walkers, dog walkers, runners, off road cyclists as well as horse riders and carriage drivers. The importance of natural surfaces for biodiversity and wildlife is well recorded and known.

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