

Denbigh Town Council
Planning Sub Committee

17th July 2014 – 6.30pm

Present: Councillors Margaret Bowe (Chair), Gaynor Woods, Roy Tickle, Mark Young.

Apologies: Councillor Rob Parkes.

Subject: Proposed Cycle Track

The sub committee has serious concerns with the proposed route.

1. The route picks up the track following a turning off Park Street into Cow's Lane. On either side of the lane there are very high walls. Visibility is very poor for any cyclist or any other vehicle entering or exiting it also.

Further along the same problem occurs with St David's Lane

2. The entrance to the Old Rectory would prove a further problem for any cyclist wishing to join St David's Lane from the field path as the entrance is long and unseen from the path.

3. The proposed ramps either side of the bridge would need to be gated in such a way as to slow any cyclist down.

However we found the traffic to be busy, heavy vehicles at times and of great concern. One side of the bridge the speed limit is 30mph while on the other it is 60mph. No amount of trees and bushes removed will make it a lesser hazard.

There is no way that any vehicle coming from the cemetery (Brookhouse) road will have slowed down sufficiently to be 30mph. Visibility will remain poor.

The further problem is the farm entrance close to the bridge. Large vehicles will be exiting and turning to go over the bridge.

As the gated ramps are on one side of the brow of the bridge we believe it will be an accident waiting to happen – due to poor visibility for vehicles approaching from the Ruthin Road side.

4. The path at the end of the cemetery would have fence railings. However we found the use of this path to be inappropriate. Local residents had no knowledge of this proposal and were greatly upset at this idea. We believe it is entirely unsuitable. Should a Service be performed at a grave when cyclists are passing it would disturb mourners and any visitors. As a result we would object strongly on the use of the cemetery path.

The cemetery path would lead to one further created through the field (owned by DCC). This would then join Brookhouse Road via a gate. However this is another area of poor visibility.

The sub committee concluded that it would object strongly against the cycle track proposal due to the Health and Safety issues and the distress it would cause with the use of the cemetery path.

Meeting concluded at 7.10pm

