



Response to SWLP Preferred Options Consultation

Supporting document 4: views of people using footpaths in the North Leamington Green Belt

During the lockdowns of 2020-2021 the number of people using the footpaths in North Leamington increased massively. As a token of gratitude to the local farmer who maintains the footpaths, nearly 200 of them raised over £2500 for his chosen charity, Warwickshire Air Ambulance. This is a selection of comments made on: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathan-marshall12>

35 yrs walking across these fields has never been so intensive. Highlights: otter, fox, deer, kingfisher, tree creeper, grey wagtail, skylark, buzzard, jackdaw. Hoping for another 35 yrs!	Being able to enjoy these wonderful walks has helped me get through this difficult year.
We have all enjoyed walking across the fields so much over this year. Access to the countryside on our doorstep has made a huge difference.	Many thanks for access through your beautiful farmland. We have appreciated the beauty every walk and it has helped us stay fit and happy over this last year.
We've seen the cycle of the seasons in this land over the last year - it's truly beautiful. Thank you so much for keeping it open. It's a Warwickshire wonder!	Without the wonderful fields, lockdown would have been even harder. Big appreciation and THANK YOU.
So very grateful for this beautiful walk. It never fails to lift spirits and feed the soul. Which has been particularly important this year. Thank you.	Thank you so much! We are so lucky to have this beautiful walk so close to Leamington.
Those fields and open spaces, the river and friendly faces have kept my whole family sane over lockdown.	Your footpaths have provided exercise and solace to so many in Milverton during the Pandemic.
Thank you - I have used your land many times over the years and it truly is a beautiful walk to enjoy.	Don't know what we'd do without the Milverton fields walks.....
I lived in Old Milverton for 3 years and always appreciated the land and paths around it.	That walk truly lifted my spirits during lockdown in the 2020 summer.
The walks we took through your fields during lockdown saved our sanity on many occasions and made us smile on even the worst of days. Thank you, we are very grateful we have them on our doorstep x	Thank you so much for allowing the public to access your land. The local walks across the fields have helped to keep us going through the lockdowns.
Huge thanks, you have helped us all retain some sanity over the last year in particular and walking by the river is one of our favourite places.	This is my favourite walk. A source of calm every day. Great for the dog. Thank you for allowing access. Much appreciated.
My daily walk around the area has saved my sanity! 10,000 steps in all weathers and amazing opportunity to monitor the seasons for a complete year.	Having access to such a beautiful open space on our doorstep has been such a privilege over the last year. Thank you for keeping the access open.