

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE CABINET BOARD**

**14 September 2018**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES – C.GRIFFITHS**

**MATTER FOR INFORMATION**

**WARDS AFFECTED: BRITON FERRY EAST AND NEATH  
EAST**

**ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM GARDNERS LANE TO  
EAGLESBUSH VALLEY A-B-C AND TO YNYSMAERDY ROAD  
VIA CEFN COED FARM B-E-F  
COMMUNITIES OF BRITON FERRY AND NEATH**

**Purpose of report**

For information only.

**1. Background**

- 1.1 On the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016, the report concerning the above application was refused. The applicant appealed to the Planning Inspector who directed this Council to make a Modification Order but only to add the length of path C-B-D-E-F (as shown on the attached plan). The Inspectorate refused the appeal to include the length A-A<sub>1</sub>-B.
- 1.2 The modification order was made as directed but this Council took a further decision on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 under an officer executive urgent action to neither object nor to support the order. This decision was subsequently reported to this Board on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.
- 1.3 Due to the objection made to the Order by the owners of Cefn Coed Farm, the modification order was referred to the Planning Inspectorate, who held a public inquiry in Neath Town Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

The appointed Inspector issued his decision on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018, which was not to confirm the Order thus agreeing with this Council's original decision of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## **List of Background Papers**

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