

## Impact Assessment - First Stage

### 1. Details of the initiative

**Initiative description and summary: To assess the merits of making concurrent creation and extinguishment orders to regularise access between Hodgsons Road and the River Tawe, in the Community of Ystalyfera.**

**Service Area: Legal Services**

**Directorate: Finance and Corporate Services**

### 2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	x	
Staff		x
Wider community	x	
Internal administrative process only	x	

### 3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age			x			The effect of the proposed orders will be to formalise the current access that is enjoyed by members of the public
Disability	x					The route is via reasonably hard surfaced paths and two bridges.

Gender Reassignment		x				The proposed registration of a public bridleway has no impact on this protected characteristic
Marriage/Civil Partnership		x				The proposed registration of a public bridleway has no impact on this protected characteristic
Pregnancy/Maternity		x				The proposed registration of a public bridleway has no impact on this protected characteristic
Race		x				The proposed registration of a public bridleway has no impact on this protected characteristic
Religion/Belief		x				The proposed registration of a public bridleway has no impact on this protected characteristic
Sex		x				The proposed registration of a public bridleway has no impact on this protected characteristic
Sexual orientation		x				The proposed registration of a public bridleway has no impact on this protected characteristic

#### 4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		x				The proposal does not affect the ability for using the Welsh Language as it relates to access rights

Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		x				The proposal does not affect the ability for using the Welsh Language as it relate to access rights
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**5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:**

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		x				The proposal has no affect on biodiversity given it is concerned with regularising existing access
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.		x				The proposal has no affect on biodiversity given it is concerned with recognising current access enjoyed by the public

**6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):**

	Yes	No	Details
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<b>Long term</b> - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	x		The initiative supports the long term wellbeing of people by ensuring that public path orders are correctly introduced and implemented only when they can be justified and that resources are appropriately used in the provision of legal services to the Council and therefore the wider community
<b>Integration</b> - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	x		The initiative will further allow the focusing of existing human and financial resources upon the 3 wellbeing objectives by ensuring that public path orders are correctly introduced and implemented only when they can be justified and that resources are appropriately used in assessing and evaluating them.
<b>Involvement</b> - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	x		The initiative builds upon the consultation with all the stakeholders concerned before coming to a recommendation
<b>Collaboration</b> - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	x		This Authority has ensured all those who have an interest in this initiative have been given an opportunity to provide their views and any evidence they considered relevant
<b>Prevention</b> - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	x		The initiative will reconcile the unresolved issue of the original path being obstructed by providing an alternative route between Hodgsons Road and the River Tawe.

**7. Declaration - based on**

**above assessment (tick as appropriate):**

A full impact assessment (second stage) <b>is not</b> required	x
Reasons for this conclusion	

Based on the above assessment a second stage impact assessment is not required as the initiative does not negatively impact on any of the protected characteristics or the Welsh Language or biodiversity and embraces the sustainable development

A full impact assessment (second stage) **is** required

Reasons for this conclusion

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