

Notes of a meeting with BBV held on Tuesday 27th April 2021

Present: Councillors Drake (RD) and Burrow (AB) and Nick Cuming (NC) from BBV

1. Purpose of meeting

To improve the information content of recent footpath closure notices and diversions

2. Points raised and discussed

- a. The need for the maps to show the temporary greenway.
 - i. NC agreed this and added that initially HS2 Ltd had not approved it showing on the maps because the route was not formally approved for use yet.
- b. Maps to show context of where the closure point was.
 - i. Agreed suitable wording and use of "You are here stickers"
- c. The difficulties of a diversion at the Berkswell station end of the greenway when the path crossing from Barratts Farm to Truggist Farm was closed due to the route down to Station Road/Truggist Lane being flooded
 - i. HS2/BBV are seriously considering a footpath next to their haul route to the station road roundabout
 - ii. BBV have been advised that Network Rail plan trackside engineering works to eliminate the flood issue in the summer
- d. Alternative routes for the Millennium way to retain a circuit to Meriden and the Heart of England Way
 - i. The construction works will bisect the area between Berkswell and Balsall Common because that is where the line will run
 - ii. NC reported alternative routes are set by SMBC who developed the ones for the proposed closure of the path across the greenway by the station (not any practical use according to AB because they did not address the flow across the greenway)
 - iii. NC reported SMBC concerned about diversions using Waste lane over the current greenway bridge or Truggist Lane for safety reasons
 - iv. NC would look at the permissive path route to the fisheries café to establish whether it could for part of a diversion
 - v. AB to pass on his suggested diversion to SMBC

Andrew Burrow
29th April 2021

Post meeting note: Councillors Drake and Burrow are planning to meet with the SMBC Official responsible for Highways issues relating to HS2 issues (David Keaney) to follow up on some of the issues about multiple closures caused by the construction work and alternative routes. It is hoped that BBV will also attend. This follows the successful practice with LM when the temporary greenway was opened 5 months earlier near Balsall Common that the remainder and the Millennium Way was reopened rather than staying shut during all LM work.