

determined by the Welsh Government by either a public inquiry or written representations.

Two applications to add ways to the definitive map have yet to be determined. The applications have been made under the provision of Schedule 14 of Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and are on the register of applications. Because these applications are duly made and registered they are protected from the proposed cut-off date and will be seen through to conclusion.

If a decision is not made on a duly made application within twelve months of receipt, the applicant may apply to Welsh Government to direct the Council to make a decision within a term determined by Welsh Government. You may therefore appeal to Welsh Government against non-determination on the two outstanding applications.

Should you discover additional unrecorded ways I would recommend you make the necessary applications so that they too are protected by the proposed cut-off date.

The Definitive Map Team has reduced in staff from three full time members to just one in recent years, due to the fiscal challenges facing local government. The team, of one staff member deals with the management of the definitive map including diversions necessary to allow development to take place, consultation on planning applications, the enforcement of all public rights of way in the County, excluding the National Park, providing legal advice to the Council and others and being project manager for access projects, management of geographic information systems for the purpose of local government searches. The recent publication of the RoWIP 2018-2028 has also taken a huge resource. General enquiries and requests for information also take a large portion of the time available.

The slow progress with dealing with applications to modify the definitive map is regrettable, however due to the reduced staffing levels and increased workload the slow progress is unavoidable. Having said that, I trust you find the above explanation satisfactory and that you are reassured that the applications relating to St Dogmaels are not, and will not be affected by the proposed cut-off date. The definitive map officer is preparing to submit the order to register the way behind "Grassmere" to the Welsh Government for determination, unfortunately it is only possible to submit one order for determination at a time due to the workload that such a process incurs.

Yours sincerely,



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