

## **BOTHER REPORT**

The report from Sustrans, based on their survey of the proposed cycle/walk route from Hatt to Carkeel was finally produced.

The 86 page document contained some contradictions and inaccuracies. This mainly centred around whose land would be involved on three of the four possible routes. One landowner in particular wasn't mentioned at all when in fact that owner would suffer the biggest encroachment. This refers to the stretch between Hatt roundabout and Roodcroft junction on the west side of the A388. That side of the A388 runs past the high hedge behind which, lies the recreation field. There is a deep drainage channel on that side too.

The BOTHER group must stress that at this point we are only at version 1 of this process and more versions will inevitably follow. One of the landowners involved has made it known that a path through the meadow to the south of the recreation field is also a possibility and that owner has no issue with part of his land being used for the safe passage of cyclists and walkers.

Four members from the BOTHER group attended a packed meeting of Saltash's Town Council on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021. STC (Saltash Town Council) misunderstood the agenda item by thinking we were asking them to adopt a certain route. It was explained by our attendees that we were only seeking support in principle of the idea of such a route as it is primarily in their catchment area. We were also asking for STC to put it into their Neighbourhood Development Plan. This was refused as STC explained that they were in their final stages of the process and could not now be included. Finally STC agreed in principle to the idea.

As we await Sustrans responses to the issues raised, BOTHER noticed that Highways England was engaging with communities on a Route Strategies Survey. This involved looking at motorways and A roads to improve links for non motorised transport. The feedback needs to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was considered pertinent to forward our project with the Sustrans report now rather than wait for version 2 of our project in case the deadline was missed. Version 2 can be forwarded if received prior to the 30/11/21 deadline. It was felt that alerting Highways England to our project would provide a two pronged approach to our venture. Well, you can but try!

The BOTHER group have just been informed that Sustrans intend holding a teams meeting on Monday which hopefully includes our project. An invitation to meet with us was unsuccessful due to distance and time we imagine.

Should there be any developments BOTHER will update the Parish Council at each of their meetings.