

## **Walk/Cycleway Hatt to Carkeel**

### **An update on the current situation**

#### **Background**

A survey of local residents' views concerning a walk/cycleway was conducted in 2021. In the light of survey results, a report produced by the national walking/cycling charity Sustrans, and the responses of local landowners, BOTHER (Botus Fleming and Hatt Environmental Response) proposed a route (see Map 1 below). This route differed in part from that favoured by Sustrans because of problems regarding land-use consents.

#### **Recent developments**

Following public meetings in June to present and discuss its proposed route, BOTHER requested a meeting with representatives of Cornwall Council. This took place on 1<sup>st</sup> July, and Cornwall Council Highways then commissioned CORMAC to evaluate the proposal.

Although it had become clear that one segment of any walk/cycle path between Hatt and Carkeel would necessarily pass through Treledan, requests made in 2022 to meet with those responsible for Phase 2 of this area's development could not be granted, as it was not known which company would acquire the contract. This uncertainty has now been resolved, and Bloor Homes have been identified as the new developers. A meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> January with Cornwall Council's case officer for the development, at which BOTHER outlined suggestions for the final leg of its proposed path. At the suggestion of the case officer, a request for a meeting with Bloor Homes' representative has now been sent via Cornwall Council's Community Link Officer.

Meanwhile, CORMAC submitted its report to Highways in December 2022, and it was presented to BOTHER at a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January. The report included a proposal for an alternative route between Roods Corner and Treledan (see Map 2 below). BOTHER members have been inspecting the new segment proposed in the report, and are preparing to give feedback on the report to CC Highways.

#### **Next steps**

It is hoped that the agent for Bloor Homes will agree to a meeting in the near future. The purpose of such a meeting will be to determine if any accommodation can be made within the new development for a segment of the proposed Hatt-to-Carkeel path.

Meanwhile, landowners on the proposed CORMAC route will be consulted regarding their willingness to allow a section of the path to cross their land.

The views of parishioners will be sought, as well as the views of councillors from neighbouring parishes. This process has already begun. As soon as possible, feedback on the CORMAC report will be submitted to Cornwall Council.

#### **Information and communications**

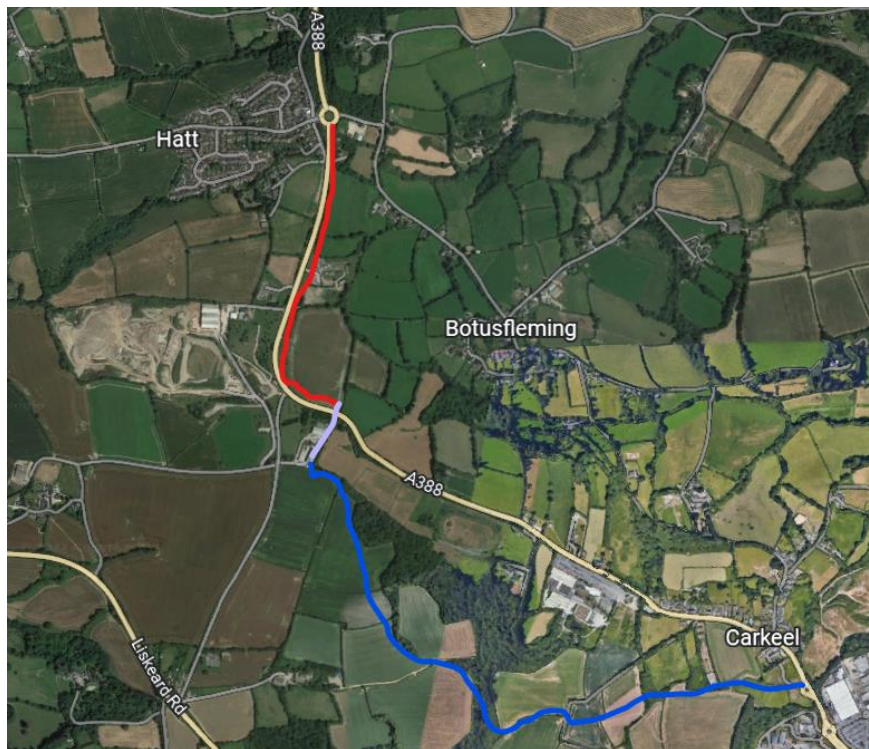
The full CORMAC report has been uploaded to BFPC website (Reports for Public Meetings).

Any questions and/or comments can be sent to either of the following addresses:

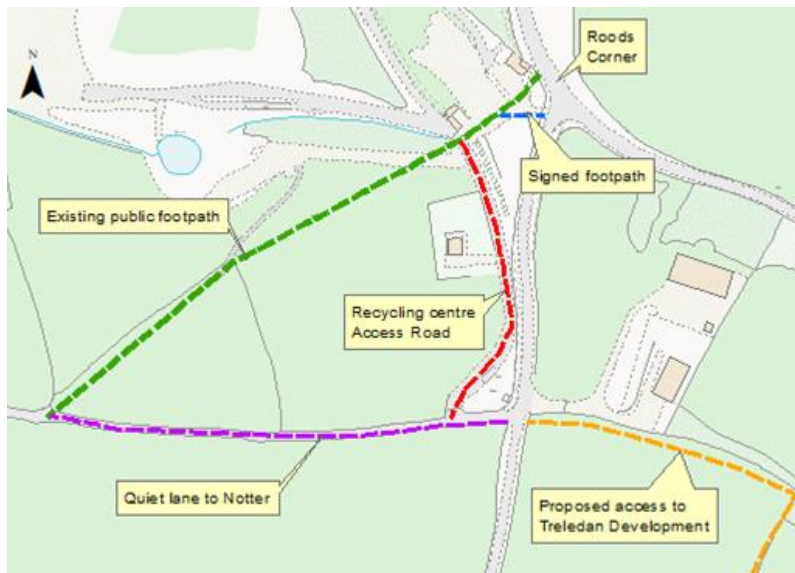
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**MAP 1 BOTHER's original route proposal**



**MAP 2 CORMAC's revised route proposal**



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