

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY 2018
UPDATE:

1 10/17/1271 Underpass on Laburnum Road – rear of 248 Whalley New Road and ahead of 166 Laburnum Road, Blackburn

A further letter in support of the application was received on the 11th January 2018, from Mr Michael Poltney of No.12 Welbeck Avenue, Blackburn. The comments state:

“I am and have been a resident of 12 Welbeck Avenue, BB1 5SF in Little Harwood since April 1992 and have regularly used the road/path under this bridge since then. Currently I often use the Transdev Route 22 joining or alighting at Seven Trees and sometimes walk up St. James’s Road or northbound up Whalley New Road.

Since the closure of the gates there has been a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour, some involving narcotics and speeding bikes/quadbikes and general nuisance. Although the closure of this route involves a slight detour – using Willow Street bridge either directly from home via Beardsworth Street or using Kirkstone Close, Cherry Gardens Seven Trees Avenue, Willow Street and Whalley New Road or Gladstone Way, Clarendon Road and Whalley New Road passing under Skew Bridge – the diversion takes only 5-6 minutes and is, I believe, a worthwhile diversion if it reduces the undesirable behaviour.

I am therefore strongly in favour of keeping these gates permanently closed for now.”

2. 10/17/1523 Land at Pole Lane, Darwen

The Council’s Senior Drainage Engineer has assessed the proposal and raised no objections in respect of the Local Lead Flood Authority.

In addition, the Highways Engineers have confirmed they have been engaged in dialogue over the course of several months with the applicant’s representative. The variation to the Section 106 to covenant the additional £250,000 to deliver the drainage and highway resurfacing works has been discussed at length and is fully supported.

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Development Manager
18th January 2018