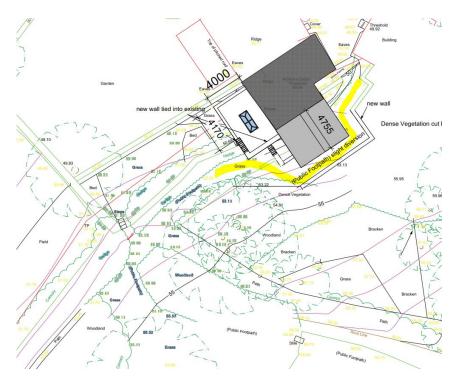


Diversion of FP 520004, Walk Mill, Broughton West Parish - Consultation Note

Planning permission has been granted for a small extension to the property at Walk Mill, Broughton Mills 7/2022/5180.

This extension will be over the line of the public footpath 520004, and the proposal for the footpath within the planning application was to simply divert the line of the footpath as being used around the new extension – as shown below.



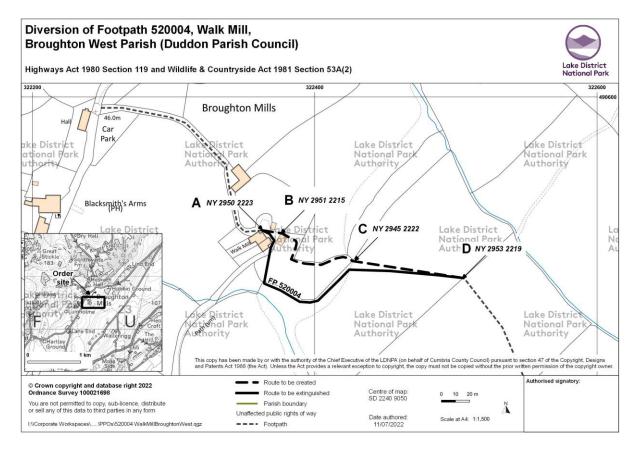
However, the actual definitive line of the footpath, and the line in use are not the same thing. Nonetheless, even the definitive line would probably be slightly blocked by the extension – so a diversion of some sort would be required.

The definitive line is obstructed by vegetation, and the currently used line is not that easy to find. They also pass through a bouldery watercourse, and follow what seems to be a slightly illogical line.

The applicant is only obliged under the TCPA diversion order process to provide an 'alternative' to replace the part of the footpath actually affected by the planning application. But we have discussed a more holistic approach with them that would:

- a. enable their planning permission to be implemented
- b. resolve the confusion of the definitive and used lines
- c. make the route as a whole better for them and for the public.

The proposal is below.



The owner has already started creating a bark-chipped, stepped path through the old orchard on the proposed line, and where this hasn't yet been created, the path will follow the boundary. A simple benched path will be put through here. At point D, a stile or gate will be installed in the hedgerow. Photos of the various relevant issues are below.

The proposal strikes me as being a more logical, easier to follow, and easier to use route than either the definitive line or the used path.

If you would like to comment on the proposal, please do so before the 15 August 2022.

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The new path will go through gate





This is where the extension will go. Definitive line goes left beyond the hydrangea (see below for location), walked line carries on.





Definitive line passes somewhere through these boulders and watercourse