## PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 431023 PARISH OF WHITEHAVEN

Lead Officer:

**Tony Pomfret – Development Services Manager** 

To inform Members of the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 431023, Parish of Whitehaven

Recommendation:

That the proposal be supported.

Resource Implications:

Nil.

#### 1.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Council has been consulted by Capita Symonds, on behalf of Cumbria County Council, in respect of a proposed footpath diversion at Whitehaven Golf Course, a copy of which is appended to this report.
- 1.2 The diversion is sought under the Highways Act 1980 and is for the benefit of the applicant.
- 1.3 Members will be aware that when the golf driving range was constructed it was established that it encroached upon the route of the public footpath. A previous request to divert this footpath was refused following a Public Inquiry in 2007. There is a temporary diversion currently in place and this new application is to permanently divert the footpath, as illustrated on the enclosed plan.
- 1.4 As there is reasonable justification for this proposal, it is considered worthy of support.

**Contact Officer:** 

**Tony Pomfret, Development Services Manager** 

Appendix:

Capita Symonds consultation letter and

accompanying plan dated 17 January 2008

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Dear Sir

# PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 431023 PARISH OF WHITEHAVEN DISTRICT OF COPELAND

I will be pleased to receive any comments that you might wish to make regarding the proposed diversion of above-mentioned footpath, as shown on the attached plan.

#### **<u>Description of the Existing Route</u>** (with reference to the plan)

From point A on the golf course the existing route runs in an east-south-easterly direction through a rough area with patches of trees and over a ditch then over a track and south-easterly up a grass bank, through the driving range. It turns easterly and then north-easterly out of the driving range and down a grass bank to cross a track run through an area of scrub and over a wet ditch point turning easterly through woodland to point 'B', a distance of approximately 590 metres.

#### **<u>Description of Proposed Route</u>** (with reference to the plan)

From point 'A' on the golf course the proposed route would run in a generally east-south-easterly direction just to the south of the existing route turning slightly easterly to cross the ditch and run between 2 grass banks over a stone track and up a grass bank to the driving range fence. It turns east-north-easterly to follow the driving range fence before running down a grass bank onto a stone track running alongside a pond and over a culvert to continue easterly through the wood to point 'B' where it would join the route to remain, a distance of approximately 560m. The new path will be surfaced with stone throughout to a minimum width of 1.8m.

#### **Reason for Diversion**

Capita Symonds Ltd is contracted to provide Rights of Way management services for Cumbria County Council

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As is permitted under the Highways Act 1980 the diversion is for the benefit of the applicant.

Yours sincerely

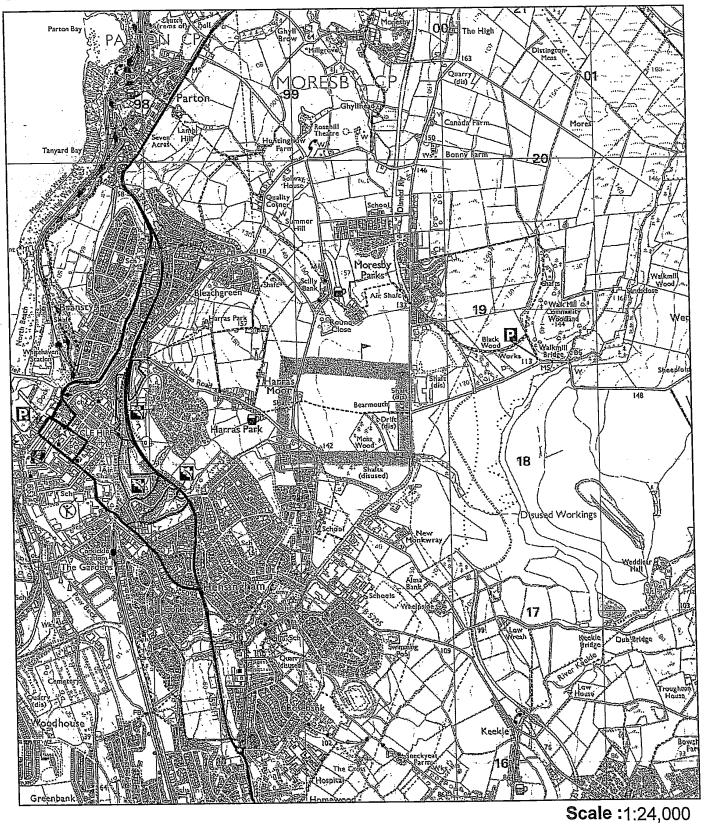
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Enc.

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