

Presentation to Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council	
Proposal:	Closing up existing path to the side of 36 Knockanbaan and 12 Plantation Drive and extension to residential curtilage to both dwellings LA01/2023/0039/F
Site:	Lands adjoining 36 Knockanbaan and 12 Plantation Drive Limavady
Item:	5.16
Date:	22 November 2023

- Local residents have lobbied for the path to be closed, because:
 - The path is a focal point for antisocial behaviour. A place where people gather and to create unwelcome noise, littering, and general nuisance.
 - Local people say the path is rarely used for the purpose it was intended, because it is not an obvious desireline.
 - It has a sense of being an unsafe place, due to its disuse and its antisocial use.
 - There are no obvious ways of improving the path, because it is extremely narrow and natural surveillance cannot be achieved.
- The planning application is a result of a local agreement that the path should be closed. The application has the general support of the local community.
- The existing pathway clearly fails the policy tests found in PPS7 and Creating Places because it has a harmful impact on the residential amenity of those who live beside the path and in the wider area. The path is unnecessary, unsafe, and unwanted.

- The planning application represents a successful way of solving the problems created by this poorly designed path. The proposal will not cause harm to any interest of acknowledged importance, because the route of the path is not necessary and access between the houses and amenities is easily facilitated by the existing residential road and footpath network.
- When the people of a neighbourhood ask for a change to their urban environment, it is incumbent on the Council to afford significant material weight to the experience and to their wishes.
- Closure of the path will certainly enhance the residential neighbourhood in line, which is entirely consistent with Creating Places and PPS7.