

## **COUNCIL – 5 SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR J LEGRYS TO COUNCILLOR T SAFFELL**

“At Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023, I asked Councillor Saffell a question about the reopening of the Right of Way between London Road to Stephenson Way Coalville. The RoW is closed due to unsafe structures.

Councillor Saffell replied that the issue is complex, but he would be providing me with regular updates on progress to reopen the Right of Way.

I am disappointed that I have had no such regular update and I would be grateful if I can be informed when the RoW will be re-opened?”

#### **RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR T SAFFELL TO COUNCILLOR J LEGRYS**

“Further to my response to the previous question raised on this matter at Council on 20 June 2023, I am advised that there were initially five or six walls in a dangerous condition and which led to the footpath within the park being fenced off. Officers have now had some feedback from LCC Highways who are leading on the matter as the footpath adjoins their public right of way. They have advised that there are now just two walls which need repairing by the owners. Officers are advised by LCC that there has been no response from those remaining owners so the matter will now be handled by the County Council’s legal team who will start the legal process to enable repair of the wall. They have also advised that, unfortunately, this may take some time now it has become a legal process as there could be challenges regarding ownership and responsibility.

I can also advise that some of the temporary fencing has now been removed which means that residents can now access and egress the park from the jitty at northern end from Albert Road without having to walk all the way to the London Road entrance. In the meantime, Officers from the District and County Councils are looking into the position of the two remaining dangerous walls along the footpath so they can decide whether or not further parts can be reopened.

While I can’t give a specific date when the footpath will be totally reopened, progress is being made and as soon as I have more information from officers, I will update Cllr Legrys further.”