

## Correspondence

The following emails were received by the Clerk to the Council in **April 2018**, however, regrettably, they have not been dealt with by the Community Council. This correspondence will be considered at the meeting of September 6, 2021. It is possible that some correspondence from residents has unfortunately been lost.

As background, a **Community Path** (away from the A48), was proposed that linked St Nicholas to Wenvoe along a route that ran mostly along paths along the edge of fields, and upgraded existing rights of way.



The path might be similar to the Community Path at Church Village (pictured).





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Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 12:27:59 PM

To: clerk@stnicholaswithbonvilstoncc.co.uk

Subject: The proposed St Nicholas Community Path

I wish to offer my support for the St Nicholas Community Path. It will bring a new dimension to my life since having a stroke a couple of years ago. The prospect of being able to walk, although rather slowly along a safe path would benefit not only myself but others who enjoy outdoor life.

The views are considerable, as far as Exmore on a clear day and there is abundant wild life in this area. The path will facilitate families to enjoy the outdoors in safety away from the noisy fast moving traffic on the A48 either by walking, cycling, dog walking, strolling with pushchairs and not forgetting the disabled person using a wheelchair, etc. A few benches along the pathway would also be appreciated and the original hedgerow would screen off the traffic.

The existing path along the very busy and noisy road is not an ideal way of enjoying the lovely countryside we are fortunate to live in.

RM

St Nicholas Resident

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Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2018 10:39:29 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: Support for the St Nicholas Community Path within the village.

The proposed community path between St Nicholas, The Downs and continuing to St Lythans and Wenvoe is the perfect area for walkers, cyclists, runners, dog walkers and young families of all abilities and interests. Fresh air, green fields with spectacular vistas across fields to the Bristol Channel and as far way to Somerset and Exmoor, away from the road which is heavily used and very noisy this path can be used for everyone who enjoys getting around on foot to exercise, explore or just dawdle, along side the path could be sitting areas and a picnic area, etc.

The A48 can be very unpleasant and intimidating road with heavy vehicles travelling close to the existing very narrow path, I speak from experience of running along this stretch of road, while a new footpath on the opposite side of the existing hedge would allow for perfect recreation in the knowledge of safety and well-being for all users.

I wish to offer my support for the St Nicholas Community Path.

FM

Resident of St Nicholas

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Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 4:55:53 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: Community Path

I have looked at the details of the proposed Community Path...in St Nicholas and would use a lot the kids would also find it a much safer and mor pleasant experience. Walking my dog while cycling sounds a truly healthy and fun time for me and the family.

regards JR (,St Nicholas).

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 4:57:38 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: Community Path

I have recently heard about the community path proposal and would like to say what a good idea it is. Having walked along the A48 with my younger sister and the dog, it is a good walk to do but not a nice one as there are loud noises from the cars and it is a dangerous road. This path would be great as it would connect to St Lythans and Wenvoe

so we wouldn't have to drive to places to have a nice walk in the fresh air, without pollutions and car noise.

RR ( St Nicholas)

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:59:42 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: Community Path

Clerk of Community Council

I am writing in support of the idea of a community path from the A48 to St Lythans and Wenvoe. As a resident of Duffryn Close it is apparent that the roads are getting busier we are more and more reluctant to let our children play out anywhere other than our close. There isn't really anywhere that we can safely walk with the children away from the noise and pollution of the A48, and although we walk around a lot (and pick up a lot of the rubbish on Duffryn Lane and the A48) it would be a huge benefit to the community and create better links to neighbouring villages. I certainly think more could be made of spaces for the children to play.

I would appreciate it very much if my comments were taken on board.

With thanks

ND

St Nicholas

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Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2018 12:27:32 PM

To: clerk@stnicholaswithbonvilstoncc.co.uk

Subject: Community Path

I am writing, as a village resident, to support the plan for a Community path along the south side of the A48 from St Nicholas towards the Downs. The A48 is a busy noisy road and walking along the current footpath is not pleasant. To have a new path would provide a level path, separated from the road which would be safe and more pleasant and would encourage those who wish to walk but are put off by the steep hills on the current roads and the lack of footpaths along them. Walking Duffryn Lane is hazardous currently with increased motor and cycle traffic and any proposal to provide increased leisure activities in a safe environment is to be welcomed.

With regard to a Community Hub, I am not keen to encourage this whilst the A48 remains in the centre of the Village. The proposed site is on the A 48, has no parking and will be an awkward and difficult site to reach and maintain. It will encourage outsiders to come to the Village and drink and may this might then be a source of public nuisance.

I believe that there is an injunction from the Corys prohibiting a public House in the Village and if alcohol is to be sold in the Hub, I cannot see how this would be different to a public house.

Yours faithfully,

GW.

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Thu, 5 Apr 2018, 20:50

to clerk

Dear Madam Clerk

I would like to express my wholehearted support for the Community Path proposed on the [www.stnicholasvillageideas.weebly.com](http://www.stnicholasvillageideas.weebly.com) website. We are a young family with two children and I am often frustrated at the lack of outdoor options for children in the village.

We would make regular use of the path for walking and cycling as a family. For example tomorrow, my children would like to go out on their bikes and there is no-where I can take them, so I am faced with strapping three bikes onto the car and driving to the Taff Trail to

enable us to spend a few enjoyable hours cycling together. Being able to cycle from the front door on a safe path away from a busy road would be wonderful.

The path would also be a way of bringing the community together and enabling us to meet neighbours in lovely surroundings.

I hope that the community council support this venture and provide all necessary assistance and pressure on the powers that be to make the path a reality.

Yours sincerely

AE

St Nicholas

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Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 4:57:14 PM

To: clerk@stnicholaswithbonvilstoncc.co.uk

Subject: St Nicholas Community Path

To whom it may concern

I support the proposal for the St Nicholas community path connecting to St Lythans and Wenvoe. This will provide an excellent path for families walking with small children and also pets.

Sincerely

RD

BSc MBBCh FRCOphth

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Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 9:09:45 PM

To: clerk@stnicholaswithbonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: St Nicholas Community Path

Dear Sir/Madam

I fully support the proposed idea of a community path to the south of the A48.

Having lived in the village for more than twelve years I believe this would be of benefit for whole of the community. A safe walking/riding environment is long overdue. We have seen a dramatic increase in traffic and any amenity which would make living in the village and surrounding areas more pleasant is to be welcomed. The idea of linking the villages through a safe path makes this project an exciting one.

Yours faithfully

HEP

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Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 3:03:11 PM

To: clerk@stnicholaswithbonvilstoncc.co.uk

Subject: St Nicholas Community Path

I would like to express my support for a proposed community path between St Nicholas and the Downs. I have walked the current path several times and find it overgrown, unkept and dangerous to cycle. A proposal to move a path to the south of the current hedge south of the A48 seems good to me. The position would be safer (away from vehicles) and more pleasant due to the reduced noise and reduced debris in the face from passing vehicles.

Regards

MS

St Nicholas

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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:25:11 PM

To: clerk@stnicholaswithbonvilstoncc.co.uk

Subject: St Nicholas Community Path

Hi, I'd like to add my support to the proposal for the St Nicholas Community Path. I have recently moved from Lincolnshire where a similar path was introduced and was very well utilised by walkers, families and cyclists. I think it would be a great addition to the village.

May thanks,

NP

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Sun, 8 Apr 2018, 23:29

to clerk,

Dear Clerk

I'm writing to express my support for the idea of a community path linking St. Nicholas with the Downs. I think it's an excellent idea that makes good use of the funds available to the community.

At the moment the walk along the A48 is unpleasant, noisy, fume-filled and potentially dangerous. To cycle the route is equally unpleasant and even more likely to be dangerous. A community path with the buffer of a hedge removes these elements, allowing people to walk, cycle and ride in safety, relative peace and clean air. I think we should encourage everyone to exercise - whether that's jogging, walking, cycling, riding or merely taking a slow stroll: it provides proven health benefits for all of us, whatever stage of life we're at.

There's a great example of this sort of path running alongside the Tonteg/Churchvillage bypass - I've noticed how well used it is by all sorts of people. With the increasing numbers of residents locally, a similar path, giving access to the Downs and on to Culverhouse and Wenvoe, would be equally popular. Personally I'd use it for a walk to Tesco, a stroll with my dog, as safe access into the local cycle paths and to take my grandchildren for a well-protected, healthy ramble with their trikes and scooters. I wouldn't

do any of those things on the existing A48 footpath. It'd be the car every time, and that's not good.

In my opinion it'd be wonderful to see a safe cycle/pedestrian/bridle way all the way along the A48. That will take time of course but this would be a great start and an excellent example to set. Let's do something inspirational, community-building and health-promoting while we have the chance!

RE

St Nicholas

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Sun, 8 Apr 2018, 23:45

to clerk,

Hello Clerk

I would also like to add my support for this project, for the same reasons that my wife mentions below (and which I couldn't put any better myself). It seems like a very sensible way to spend the money.

Regards

JB

St. Nicholas

<sent from my iPhone>

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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:37:44 AM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: Community path

I would like to share my support to the community  
in order to support the community path etc.. to be built.

Many thanks.

CS

St Nicholas

CF5

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Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 5:09:02 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: St Nicholas With Bonvilston Community Council

St Nicholas With Bonvilston Community Council

As a Grandparent of two girls, who are also cyclists, I am particularly aware of the lack of safe places for children to ride bicycles in St Nicholas. I have once taken them along the path to The Downs, but the hedge cuttings resulted in a puncture so we did not get far. My granddaughters are reliant on their uncle taking them by car to the Taff Trail or Church Village Community Path to enjoy cycling – otherwise they are limited to cycling up and down Ger-Y-Llan, and even here there are cars to worry about.

I am aware that the new developments in St Nicholas have brought/are bringing many more families with children to the village, and also a sum of money, S106, to be spent on providing open space for the community (such as a park) and for sustainable transport – which can be paths for active travel. There is additional funding available from the Welsh Government if required.

A few years ago, a walking bus was created by the school, with children walking along the existing path along the A48 from The Downs to the school as part of scheme to reduce car use and help with the problems resulting from so many cars dropping children at the school each morning. I refused to allow my grandchildren to participate due to the path being too close to the busy and dangerous A48 – and in addition, the air quality along the road is poor.

What is the Community Councils position on how, where and on what the S106 money generated by the new developments in St Nicholas should be spent by the Vale of Glamorgan Council? As representatives of this community, the Community Council needs to have a publicly known position?

I am firmly in support of the proposed St Nicholas Community Path that would run south of the southern hedge along the A48 to The Downs, with further links to St Lythans and Wenvoe that would be suitable for children of all ages on bicycles and people to walk, perhaps with their dogs. Simply paving the grass verge and widening the existing path would not create an attractive, comfortable path due to the close proximity of motorised traffic. The community path would create a much-needed amenity and be greatly appreciated by my grandchildren and by future generations of children and residents of St Nicholas.

JP

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Mon, 9 Apr 2018, 08:37

to clerk,

I have been recently been made aware of an opportunity for a safe cycle path in St Nicholas.

I feel this would be a great idea for the village.

I was once a keen cyclist in my teens, but now I am quite nervous to start again due to the large amount of traffic on the road.

I have also a young family - \*\*\*\* (10) is a proficient cyclist, but due to the traffic she does not venture out of Dyffryn Close. To be able to cycle safely we must drive to Porthkerry.

My son \*\*\*\*\* (7) is just learning and would benefit immensely from a safe cycle path.

In a few years with a safe cycle path the children of St Nicholas would be able to explore the countryside around them without the dangers of cars and lorries, as I did in my youth.

I have lived in St Nicholas for over 10 years and I believe a cycle path amongst the other ideas would benefit the people of St Nicholas greatly.

Yours sincerely

RT

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Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 10:41:28 PM

To: clerk@stnicholaswithbonvilstoncc.co.uk

Subject: St Nicholas

Good afternoon

Re. Community path between St Nicholas and St Lythens

What could be a better way of spending the section 106 money which you have acquired

This new public cycle path would encourage all ages to both cycle and walk

Improving public health and the publics awareness of nature along the cycle path

We as a family would certainly use the new path

King regards

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Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 9:00:12 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Cc: \*\*\*\*\*; \*\*\*\*\*

Subject: Community Path St. Nicholas to Wenvoe

Dear Sir

Please accept this email as evidence of my support for a Community Path from St. Nicholas through to Wenvoe.

The A48 is such a busy road, it is not nice to walk/run along the path and riding a bike is scary due to the speed cars and lorries pass you at. It is no place for children to safely cycle.

Therefore the proposed path away from the road to the south of the A48 and a hedge between it and the A48 with space for walkers and riders to Wenvoe is an excellent suggestion to improve the quality of outdoor time in and around St. Nicholas.

I believe this would be an excellent use of the S106 funds from the recent new housing sites in St. Nicholas and will provide a positive, healthy benefit to the community.

Kind regards

DS

St. Nicholas

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 8:10:48 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: Proposed path between St Nicholas and The Downs

We both support the idea of this path with the funds available.

BD & LD

St Nicholas

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Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 7:09:10 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: Community path

To the Clerk, I am writing to you with regards to getting a public path through St Nicholas and the Downs which has been proposed Ian Perry. I believe this would be a fantastic thing to be done and also if this could go further as discussed through to Wenvoe this would be ideal to get us away from the traffic, and it would be a pleasant and safe place to walk our dogs, as at this moment through St Nicholas you take your life in your hands when walking along the main A48 or try to cross the road, due to the heavy and VERY fast traffic that comes through our village. A public path away from traffic and heavy pollution would be ideal.

Yours Sincerely

Miss SR Mrs MR

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Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 4:26:16 PM

To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk

Subject: Community Path linking St Nicholas, St Lythans and Wenvoe.....

Dear Sir, Reference the above proposal I would like to declare my support. The multi purpose amenity would be a great benefit for all the reasons previously stated. At present most of the walks and rides in the area are closely associated with the main and secondary transport routes and are blighted by the large volumes of traffic, noise and fumes with all the associated hazards to health.

The proposal would have the added benefit of being available to the four villages mentioned to an equal extent, therefore being available to a much increased number of ratepayers in the eastern portion of the Vale and therefore represent a much increased value for money.

This proposal would provide an opportunity for the citizens of this area to enjoy even more of the beautiful countryside.

Yours faithfully,

ISW

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St Nicholas. CF5

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Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 2:31:15 PM

To: clerk@stnicholaswithbonvilstoncc.co.uk

Subject: St. Nicholas community path

Dear Clerk of the Community,

I support the proposal for a path to the south of the A48 and the hedge between St. Nicholas and the Downs, and would also support this to connect to St. Lythans and Wenvoe.

As you know, there are quite a number of children of cycling age in both north and south areas of St. Nicholas. However, the number of cycle paths or even pavements to cycle on are restrictive (and low in number) and, if you want to go any distance (ie., more than 200 meters) require the child to cross either the very busy A48 (on which many people run the red light and/or turn on the red light due to it never turning green at certain times of the day) or go along a road on which the drivers are not often breaking the speed limit.

Thus, it would be brilliant if there were a long cycle path / community path that stretched from St. Nicholas to the Downs...and then down to St. Lythans and Wenvoe...as it would allow children to cycle a good couple of miles without putting them at risk from the fast flowing traffic through St. Nicholas--which sadly has no means to reduce the speed of traffic (e.g. speed bumps) so most people fly through the village at speeds well over 40 most the time.

It would be ideal if the community path / cycle path were circular as then, obviously, children would be able to go around and around.

I personally prefer the path to have a designated cycle area...as otherwise you will have dogs and people walking all over the path making it unsuitable to all but the youngest of cyclists (ie, < 5 years old) as dog leads, etc., then end up spanning the path.

BW,

LR

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To: clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk  
<clerk@StNicholasWithBonvilstonCC.co.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, 4 April 2018 22:53:27 BST

Subject: community path

Dear Clerk,

I am aware of the proposal for a community path to be built in St Nicholas with the benefit of the S106 funds, and I would like to express my support for this proposal. I support the development of a community path to the south of the A48 and the hedge that runs from St Nicholas to The Downs, it should also connect with St Lythans and Wenvoe. This is an ideal proposal as it will allow pedestrian access to these areas some distance away from the air and noise pollution of the very busy A48, and would be a safe route for children to learn cycling skills and spend leisure time with friends and family. It would also provide a beautiful destination for dog walking and enjoying the surrounding views.

Many thanks for noting my support of this proposal.

Kind regards,

MJ (Dr.)

St Nicholas

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## Community Path from St Nicholas to the Downs

Inbox

Tue, 3 Apr 2018, 20:08

to clerk

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in support of the proposed new St Nicholas Community Path.

I believe that a path from St Nicholas to the Downs (and hopefully beyond), situated to the south of the A48 on the other side of the hedge from the road, would be very beneficial to our community for a number of reasons:

1. Finding ways of helping people to become fitter is deemed by health professionals to be of paramount importance as we, as a society, become more sedentary and inactive in terms of physical activity.
2. The current path is of very poor quality: small, narrow, in a poor state of repair and incomplete in respect of the whole route.
3. A path to the other side of the hedge from the road will be far safer at a time when traffic is (a) clearly on the increase due to the new local housing and (b) due to become far worse still due to the effect of the new road to the airport when it is built.
4. Cyclists are on the increase. This is excellent news in terms of the fitness and wellbeing of individuals but they frequently have to compete with motorised vehicles on roads, thereby presenting dangerous situations which often lead to accidents or even death. We have a moral obligation as a community to provide safe passageways for cyclists to travel in safety.
5. Many people walk their dogs locally. At present they either have to use dangerous footpaths close to the roadside or cross fields, creating problems for other animals. The community path would be invaluable for such people who need to walk their dogs legally and safely.

I very much hope that you will be able to implement this proposed plan. It will make an enormous difference to the lives of many people in our growing community.

LG (Mr.) MA (Cantab.) FRSCM, ARCO, PGCE, HonFGCM