

LTC Admin

Subject: FW: Riverside Walk Ledbury**From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** 01 August 2017 19:01**To:** parks@herefordshire.gov.uk**Cc:** LTC Admin; awarmington; Councillor Harvey; Holton, Emma**Subject:** Riverside Walk Ledbury

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to advise that the state of repair for the Riverside Walk in Ledbury has deteriorated and requires some attention. It may be in order for you to carry out a visual inspection but my concerns are:

- 1) Lower path from the Riverside Walk car park to the weir / Little Marcle Road – wildly overgrown with nettles encroaching onto the path making it almost impassable. The path is also unclear and well-worn in places with an indistinct edge. The path would benefit from relaying / hardcore renewal.
- 2) Path from A438 Hereford Road roundabout to 'Homebase' roundabout – this is the most well used part (for dog walkers and those with young children) – the paths are well worn and the edges have become overgrown and thus the paths appear narrower than they should be. Relaying should be undertaken on all these paths
- 3) Path from Weir Garden to 'Homebase' roundabout – the paths here are grass based and do get boggy / waterlogged. They are however incredibly muddy. The lower of path is impassable unless you have wellies and good balance! I am not sure what can be done here due to the topography

The Riverside Walk is a lovely and well used part of the parks landscape of the town. Other than necessary flood damage repair work, I am not sure what footpath renewal has ever taken place. Even the most well laid paths need renewing from time to time and this is what I am drawing attention to. The overgrown paths can soon be cut back to make them useable again.

I am aware that, unfortunately, parks are non-core when it comes to council spending and that your budget is limited. Nevertheless, I am sure that an ongoing maintenance budget is in place for Ledbury based parks and grounds that extends beyond necessary essential (reactive) repairs. Please correct me if this is incorrect.

Please can you respond to acknowledge this email and also outline how you can address the concerns I've raised. Please do not simply pass the whole matter to BBLP! I've copied in the town council also (with a view to the Environment and Leisure Committee having sight of this email, and your response in due course). I have also copied in the ward councillors (Emma Holton, Liz Harvey and Andrew Warmington) for Ledbury, who will each have an interest in this matter I think.

Many thanks

Edd Hogan
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