LAND AT DODDLESPOOL, BETLEY reference 17/00186/207C2

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the progress of the works being undertaken at this site following the planning application for the retention and completion of a partially constructed agricultural track, approved under planning permission 21/00286/FUL.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

Latest Information

An update report was prepared for the 12th October planning committee setting out that the track, approved under planning permission 21/00286/FUL, is unlikely to be completed by the 1st November 2021, as required by condition 6.

Members requested that a letter be sent to the owner of the land seeking information on how much progress has been made on the track since permission was granted in May 2021 and what further work is required, along with a schedule setting out the time frame required to complete the works.

A letter was sent by your officers and the owner has responded setting out that the track has not been completed because the most difficult parts of the land have made it much harder to construct a track. This has required more material than envisaged. There has also been issues with his cattle contracting TB which has had a negative impact on finances to source appropriate material.

The owner advises that 150 metres or 25% of the track is yet to be constructed. Once constructed the whole of the track will then need to be top dressed.

The remaining track will also need to include drainage pipes which will aid the drainage system on this part of the site which is low lying.

The owner estimates that approximately 1000 tonnes of material is necessary to complete the track and the works are likely to take until February – July 2022.

A meeting with the EA has been arranged to discuss the case and a further update will be provided prior to the committee meeting.

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