

## CALW35 Quemerford Kissing Gate

### 1. Background

In June 2020, Calne Without Parish Council received a request from a landowner for support with installing kissing gates on footpaths CLAN27, CALW35 and CLAN22. These footpaths run from the east of Calne, past Quemerford Farm, to Quemerford Common Farm and the A4.

This request was considered by Council on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and a decision was made to defer any decision on works until after a footpath audit had been completed.

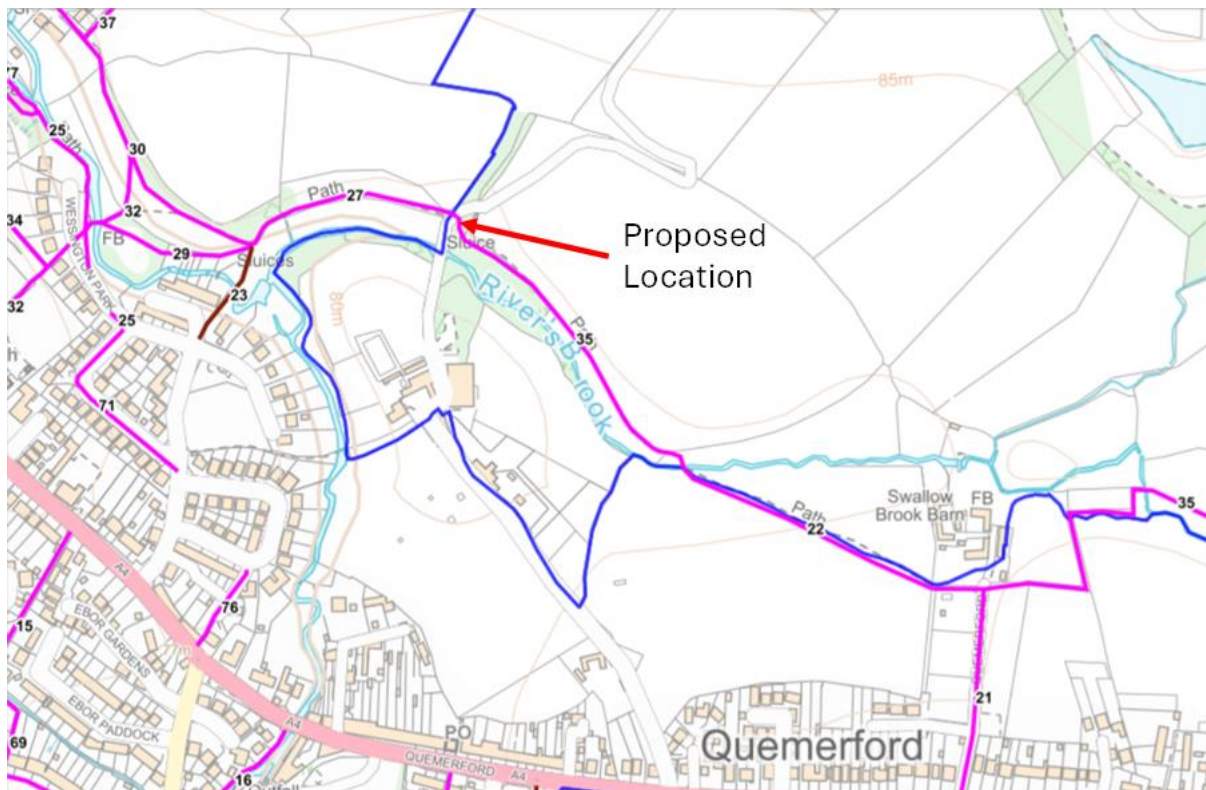
The request was further considered by Council on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021, which unanimously approved a grant of £500 for the replacement of a stile on path CALW35 with a kissing gate.

This resolution was not implemented at the time, although a reserve of £400 has been held against the Sun Edison Reserve for this project since that date.

This issue was put on the Agenda of the Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024, following which Cllr Hislop undertook to follow up on the original request and report back.

### 2. Review

The location of the proposed kissing gate is at the start of footpath CALW35, to the north of Quemerford Farm, SN11 8UA. This is just inside the boundary of Calne Without and is part of a footpath that runs along by River's Brook, broadly parallel to the A4. The What3Words location is [///evolving.fearfully.before](https://www.what3words.com/evolving.fearfully.before).



The kissing gate would replace an existing stile, improving accessibility to this walking route on the edge of Calne. A number of stiles in this locality have already been replaced with kissing gates.



It is understood that the landowner has given verbal permission. The land is currently leased by Robert J Hislop of Sprays Farm, Calstone, who is prepared to install the new kissing gate.

### 3. Update and Discussion

It is proposed to procure the following materials:

Material	Cost (excl. VAT)	Supplier & Comments
Postcrete – 4 x 20kg bags	£21.63	Screwfix (or similar); click and collect
Stonor Kissing Gate	£330.00	From McVeighParker <a href="https://mcveighparker.com/stonor-kissing-gate">https://mcveighparker.com/stonor-kissing-gate</a>
Delivery Costs	£30.00	Estimated
<b>Total</b>	<b>£381.63</b>	

Materials will only be ordered following written confirmation from the landowner that they are happy for the proposed work to go ahead.

The gate will be installed by the tenant farmer, Robert J Hislop of Sprays Farm, under the farm's insurance.

#### **4. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Council resolves to (following written consent from the landowner) procure a kissing gate and postcrete, for installation by Robert J Hislop of Sprays Farms, in order to close out its previous resolution from March 2021.

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