

**Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee  
24 November 2020  
Public Participation (Agenda Item 1)**

**Statement under Public Participation by Mr Eric Sage, a local resident, in regard to Agenda Item 6 – Mod 41 Hawthorn Gardens**

I would just add just a few points before Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee on Tuesday 24 November 2020.

17 November 2020 marked the date of my using this footpath for 48 years as a resident of Hawthorn Gardens.

Since the start of the Covid 19 Epidemic the path has been used by numerous people - Walkers, Runners and, of course, Dog Walkers. The numbers must be in the hundreds over that period. My wife and I have been amazed at the fact that the numbers included people we hadn't seen before, obviously being given knowledge of the path by regular users.

With the government concerned about the mental and physical state of the British people I would suggest that paths and spaces are very beneficial, particularly at a time we are facing at this present moment.