

Options looked at for the path:

To do nothing	<p>Not an option. Path maintenance was looked at historically and a decision was taken with residents to do nothing at that stage due to cost.</p> <p>The surface has further degraded so work is required. Formal complaints received that it is now a Health and Safety risk to those who used the path, and therefore TRH must carry out the work.</p>
Signage to state there is a Health and Safety issue on this path.	<p>Signage was provided but quickly removed by residents. Therefore not an option.</p>
Resurface over the top of existing pathway or patch repair.	<p>As soon as works are done to a path you are required in law to bring it up to a reasonable standard taking into account legislation and regulation at that point in time. TRH have to consider the Disabled and Disability Act (DDA). As well as the requirements set out by Planners and the local Highway department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The path is currently too narrow to allow users to easily use the pathway with a wheelchair or pushchair. • There are high sections which are currently without barriers that could present a risk of falling. • Resurfacing over the existing surface will quickly degrade requiring additional expenditure in the short to medium term.
Get Highways to adopt the path, or do the work and then transfer liabilities to Highways	<p>We have met and spoken with the Highways department. They have said that the pathway cannot be brought up to an adoptable standard due to the height, camber and construction, therefore they will not adopt this section of pathway before or after any works that are to be carried out.</p>
Transfer the liability to the Parish Council to maintain as part of the Parish.	<p>This was considered by the Parish Council, and they concluded that a considerable amount of money would be required to maintain this footpath, and that it would not be the best use of the parish resources.</p>
Transfer land to individual householders	<p>Possible – but will require the co-operation of <u>all</u> property-owners, otherwise will end up with a ‘patchwork’. This would make future maintenance even more difficult and possibly expensive.</p> <p>All DDA, maintenance and insurance liabilities would be passed to individual home owners. Unlikely to get all residents to engage.</p>

Remove footpath and allow households to make own pathway down to the road	In breach of the conveyance terms. Each property has the right to use the path. Cannot be changed without a Deed of Variation with each household, which is potentially very legally time-consuming and expensive. Unlikely to get all residents to engage.
Request homeowners to surrender part of front boundary to allow a wider path	Possible, but would require engagement of <u>all</u> householders which is unlikely. The cost of moving front boundary walls / hedges could be as expensive as the options proposed by Two Rivers.
Widen the path where possible and run a continual barrier along the outside edge removing all tracks down to roadway	Possible, but likely to be an unpopular decision as many households have forged access to and from the road. The two wider access ramps must remain in place (north section) as defined in OS maps and at Land Registry.
TRH Option 1	<p><u>Southern half (Nos. 13 to 26 Parkend Road):</u> Widen footpath to 1.20m (where possible), showing nominally 900mm high fencing where required, extending across the top of the current “ramps” which are to be grubbed out and seeded. Small length of wood/sleeper retaining wall required in the vicinity of 19 Parkend Road.</p> <p><u>Northern half (Nos. 27 to 36 Parkend Road):</u> Widen footpath to 1.20m (where possible), showing fencing where required, extending across the top of the current “informal ramps” which are to be grubbed out and seeded. Local use of small wood/sleeper retaining walls in the vicinity of No. 36 Parkend Road. 3 main ramps to be resurfaced and protected with fencing (as required) and hand rails installed. Local retaining structures (face protection) required at ‘toe’ of ramps.</p>
TRH Option 2 - recommended	<p><u>Southern half (Nos. 13 to 26 Parkend Road):</u> As Option 1 but constructing two replacement ‘steps’ (timber / gravel) at agreed locations with hand rails.</p> <p><u>Northern half (Nos. 27 to 36 Parkend Road):</u> As Option 1 but constructing one replacement ‘step’ (timber / gravel) at agreed location with hand rails.</p>
TRH Option 3	<p><u>Southern half (Nos. 13 to 26 Parkend Road):</u> As Option 1 with fencing, leaving gaps for access ramps (if individual residents acquire ‘right of access’) with no works to the ‘informal ramps’.</p> <p><u>Northern half (Nos. 27 to 36 Parkend Road):</u> As Option 1 with fencing, leaving gaps for informal access ramps (if individual residents acquire ‘right of access’).</p>