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E-MAIL FROM NEATH PORT TALBOT CBC. RE. CLOSING OF RIGHTS OF WAY

We'd only close a right of way on health and safety grounds – though the reasons for the closure could be many things such as works on the right of way such as laying a pipeline or constructions works, something alongside which is iffy such as trees or walls – felling of trees, anything that could take place on or to the side of the right of way that could cause a conflict.

When we get approached for an order – as soon as they mention health and safety we have no choice other than to make an order.

The maximum length for one order is 6 months but you can get extensions (6 months at a time). – its 18 months for roads

There is a cost for the order – an application fee, advertising etc. The cost can range depending on the size of the advert from £800 up to £5000.

I remember closing the network for 3 days for the Wales GB Rally about 5 years ago and there were so many paths affected, it took up a whole page in the Western Mail.

Incidentally the only Rally that we can close the rights of way for is the Wales GB Rally, all the other ones must have a licence and marshals etc but no closure.

It takes about 6 weeks to process the application – so any programmed works need that 6 weeks factored in – but we do have emergency powers which are instant but it doesn't cover programmed works, so if they forget its tough

I think that's about it but let me know if you have any questions