

Core Path Report for C468

B833 to Dun Daimh Part Circular (c), Garelochhead

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	S. B. Tong	UPM Tilhill	Condition	Delete	P018	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: none
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit

Access Officer visited the site on 2nd August 2011



B833 layby looking south west towards C468- overgrown with Himalayan Balsam



Continuing along C486 from the B833 layby- path very overgrown with vegetation.



Path wet, muddy and overgrown in many areas



The track improves about 200m from layby



However many sections that are wet and muddy



A small stream/ditch crossing path



Old bridge that is overgrown and appears to be in a poor condition however it is not known if it is structurally sound



Another picture of the old bridge, it was not possible to get better photographs due to vegetation

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

Path not appropriate – bridge required

7. Access Officer’s Initial Comments

The condition of this path is poor and it will require considerable drainage works, the path surface scraped, vegetation cut back removed and treated; the start of the track at the layby on the B833 is very overgrown and is not obvious. The bridge is in a poor condition however the terrain would not allow access to get a good view of the structure to identify the condition. There were however some noticeable “soft spots” on the bridge deck.

The path requires some improvement work to be carried out in order to bring it up to a reasonable standard. There are two groups the Peninsular Paths Group and the Helensburgh and District Access Trust who have a good track record in delivering path improvement projects and we believe that this path could be brought up to a reasonable if one or other of these groups identifies it as a priority and is able to work with the land manager to deliver the project.

We are asking the Peninsula Paths Group and the Helensburgh & District Access Trust to advise on the level of interest their members have in raising funding to reinstate this route. It is also possible that other members of the community will be interested in improving this path.

The path offers an alternative access to the path network in South Fernicarry Wood on the western shore of Gare Loch, we are therefore proposing to delete this path from the Core Paths Plan and record it as an Aspirational Path.

In summary C468 will be deleted from the Core Paths Plan and replaced by an Aspirational Path.


8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer’s Final Recommendations

10. Appendices

Appendix I. Copies of the representations received during the formal consultation

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For Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		
Name	S B Tong	
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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 21 st March 2011

Sufficiency

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C468	Object	Mambeg North – Path is not appropriate. Bridge Required.

Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence

Appendix III. Copies of responses additional consultations

Appendix IV. Additional supporting documents