

Hey there,

Jupp Korsten filled out the B-VAG Contact Form, and here's what they said:

Alternative suggestion to current plans of BVAG

As somebody who walks on the narrow pavement between Porkington Terrace and the harbour every day, and often with two dogs on a lead, I know how dangerous this stretch is and have seen many “Near-miss-situations” that could have easily resulted in injury or worse.

I therefor see the need and welcome a new access from the bridge and the Aberamffra part of town to the harbour area and high street, but I do not welcome the route that is currently proposed.

My alternative suggestion is:

Instead of going from the bridge through Orielton Gardens under the railway onto the beach and along the rocks, I would prefer a route that goes over the railway by the tunnel entrance and incorporates tunnel gardens, sloping down from tunnel gardens along the railway embankment towards the harbour. To avoid the current steep gradient from the bridge to the road, I would build up a much gentler gradient starting to rise from the toll house. In fact there isn't a difference in gradient if you go over or under the railway. As it is at the moment, a lot of water gathers after heavy rain where the steep gradient starts and the path becomes difficult to pass. A more gentler gradient would stop this from happening.

If Network Rail doesn't like pedestrian crossings over a railway line, which has been mentioned as an argument against such a proposal, it could be argued that there won't be a new crossing, but that the existing tunnel just gets extended by the width of the walk/cycle way.

The advantages of this proposal are:

The natural beach and rock area, the only one left in Barmouth, will not be disturbed.

There won't be any problems with the constant movement of sand under the railway leading from the beach to Orielton

Gardens.

Residents (including myself) and holiday makers from this part of town will be using such a new walkway much more, as people will just need to cross the road instead having to walk (what seems) a long way around through the gardens and under the bridge.

This proposal would include the incorporation of Tunnel Gardens which is a real gem and could be a wonderful asset to the town with great views of the bridge and the harbour.

Currently hardly anyone ever goes there, because not many people know of its existence and access is extremely dangerous.

I hope that you will seriously consider this suggestion, as it has all the advantages of the existing proposal, more people would use it and it wouldn't have an environmental impact on the natural rock formations by the beach.

I would be more than willing to attend a BVAG meeting to talk about this suggestion and clarify any matters that I did not expressed clearly enough here.