

Figure 3: Photographs and assessment commentary
(photographs taken 5th December 2019)

Views from the wider landscape

VP 1 – looking south west - approaching the track from the footpath to the North

A grassy strip through bracken / heather / rush mosaic – a noticeable view element, but not visually prominent.



VP 2 looking west - approaching the track from the footpath to the North. The line of track is more prominent (and visually detracting) as you get closer. Sections of the mesh are visible.



VP 3 looking south- approaching the track from Cut Gate PRow to the North. Due to field of view, the track is not prominent – but a short stretch of grass strip (with heather centre line) visible to the SW.



VP 4 looking north- approaching the track from Cut Gate PRow to the south
Again, due to the field of view the track is not prominent in a wide area – a short stretch of grass strip is visible to the north west.



Detailed track views – east of Cut Gate PRoW

Photo 1 – looking south from Cut Gate PRoW.

Poor integration of mesh track with footpath. Track appears to be built up from the surrounding landform. Very limited vegetation growth on the mesh (probably as it is laid on a crushed stone). This section is a highly detracting element in the landscape and strongly conflicts with landscape character.



Photo 2 – looking east up mesh track from the Cut Gate PRoW

Very limited vegetation establishment – the mesh is very prominent and detracting. Levels are clearly built up from the surrounding landform.

This section is a highly detracting and incongruous element which strongly conflicts with landscape character.



Photo 3– looking east up mesh track.

Better vegetation establishment (the mesh not generally visible) – but the track forms a grassy strip through surrounding heather.



Photo 4 – looking south east along the mesh track

The mesh is generally not visible and there is some heather re-growth along the centre line of the track. Mesh line alongside previously damaged areas.



Photo 5 – looking east along mesh track – at base of incline.
Erosion by vehicle turning – mesh damaged and breaking up. Limited vegetation establishment.



Photo 6 - looking south east along mesh track – towards the base of the incline
Poor integration with surrounding land, with limited restoration of previous route. Limited vegetation establishment. The track is a prominent detracting feature which conflicts with landscape character.



Photo 7 - looking east along mesh track – at base of incline
Very limited vegetation establishment – the mesh is prominent and incongruous.



Photo 8 - looking south east along mesh track – at top of incline
Better vegetation establishment (the mesh is not generally visible) with grass. This section is not visually inappropriate due to integration with surrounding grassed areas.



Detailed track views – west of Cut Gate PRoW

Photo 9 - looking west down mesh track – from Cut Gate PRoW.

Track level built up (presumably to reduce crossfall) and poorly integrated with surrounding landform. Very limited vegetation establishment and edges of mesh breaking up. Highly detracting.



Photo 10 - looking north west along mesh track – at base of incline

Reasonable grass establishment, but track is prominent as it contrasts with the surrounding bracken.



Photo 11 - looking north-west along mesh track – logs rafts placed over mesh.

A series of ongoing remedial works have taken place in the wetter rushy areas. Once weathered, the log rafts are not highly visually prominent – rushes to grow through to aid integration with landscape – but they are still contrasting elements.



Photo 12 - looking north-west along mesh track

Greater rush vegetation establishment on the mesh in this section reduces visual intrusion.



Photo 13 - looking west – incline down to the crossing point at Mickleden Beck
The mesh is breaking up and sinking into the wet ground on slope.



Photo 14 - looking west – climbing up from the crossing point at Mickleden Beck
The mesh is again breaking up and sinking into the wet ground on the slope.



Photo 15 - looking west along the mesh track.

Reasonable grass establishment on the mesh, but the track is relatively prominent through the surrounding bracken.



Photo 16 - looking north-west along mesh track

Poor vegetation establishment and the mesh is clearly not preventing damage to the wet flushes – remedial works (installing more log rafts) in progress.



Photo 17 - looking north-west along mesh track
As above.



Photo 18 - looking north-west along mesh track
Limited vegetation establishment and mesh again not coping with wet ground conditions. The log rafts are slightly less intrusive than the mesh (due to colour and better rush re-growth).



Photo 19 - looking north-west along mesh track – on incline
Poor vegetation establishment on mesh. Mesh poorly integrated with the landscape and very prominent through surrounding heather.



Photo 20 - looking north-west along mesh track – on incline
Very limited vegetation establishment. Mesh clearly damaged and breaking up. Mesh poorly integrated with landscape and prominent through surrounding heather.

