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Dorset County Council



FORM A

APPLICATION FORM FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE COUNTY OF DORSET DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To: Corporate Director for Environment and Economy Dorset County Council County Hall DORCHESTER Dorset DT1 1XJ

We (i) David Northan, David Phillips Redacted Redacted

of (ii) hereby apply for an order under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by *:-

(a) Deleting the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic * which runs from: to: Redacted

(b) Adding the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic * which from: Harbour Bridge SY 6565, 8197 546569 8193 to: Footbridge SY 6627, 8182 Redacted 29/1/25

(c) Upgrading/downgrading to a footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic * the footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic which runs from: to:

(d) Varying/adding to the particulars relating to the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic * from: to: by providing that

and shown on the map accompanying this application (see overleaf).

N.B. PLEASE DESCRIBE ROUTE AND STATE WIDTHS WHERE APPROPRIATE

We attach copies of the following documentary evidence [including statements of witnesses] in support of this application:-

(iii) 24 User Evidence Forms, Aerial Photographs showing paths and unobstructed Redacted

Signed

Date: 12/12/2018

(i) Insert name of applicant(s) (ii) Insert address of applicant(s)

(iii) Insert list of documents * Delete as appropriate

PLEASE ATTACH A MAP SHOWING THE PRECISE LINE OF THE ROUTE USED AND SIGN IT

The application route starts at Harbour Bridge, South Buckland [SY 6565 8197] point A on map and runs across 3 fields to the Footbridge crossing River Wey [SY 6627 8182] point E on the accompanying map. At point A footpath S16/54 enters the field (West Mead) via a wooden swing gate alongside a 5 bar gate. Footpath S16/54 is signposted and points up the hill in a south easterly direction. A little way along this footpath the application route branches off and heads diagonally in an easterly direction across the field to the opposite corner, point B on the map. There is no gate across the opening to the next field (East Mead) and the application route runs to the north of the hedgeline in an easterly direction to point C where the hedge swings to the south. The application routes cuts diagonally across the remainder of the field to a gap in the hedge to the west of the coppice, point D on the map. There is no gate or fence and there are 3 gaps to the next field (Coppice Close), the application route follows to the west of the hedge (and the fence bounding the coppice) and follows the slope down to the Footbridge point E on the Map joining Footpath S1/66 and S1/64 access to the Footbridge across the River Wey is either via a kissing gate or through the gap where a 5 bar gate has been removed.

Since this was written in August 2018 the new landowner has made changes to the entrance at Harbour Bridge into West Mead field changing the gateway to the road, fencing off the area immediately inside the gateway and erecting new gates across the recognised footpath S16/54, fencing in this footpath on both sides and erecting a new gate into West Mead field beside the drain. Similarly, he has fenced in the entirety of footpath S1/108 and S1/66. He has erected a single strand fence along the Northern and River boundary of West Mead, East mead and Coppice Close fields. He has erected a gate in the new fence near the footbridge on the higher ground above point E. He has erected signs at these new gates indicating he deems access by a permissive path. In November he erected barricades around these gates preventing access. If required, I have taken photographs in July 2018 before these changes and after in September 2018 and can supply these.

The application route has been walked since 1976 as evidenced by the User Evidence Forms and Aerial Photographs. The exact route and width of the path has deviated slightly as hedges became more overgrown and encroached onto the fields and according to the state of the grass and when, or if, it was cut for hay. Additional paths have come into use over the years but are not the subject of this application, albeit they may be mentioned in the User Evidence Forms.

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12/12/2018
D.J. Northam

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