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CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITH MODIFICATIONS

Signed: *Georgina McEldale*

Dated: 15 April 2026

## PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

### HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

### BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (WOOTTON: BRIDLEWAY NO. 23 AND 24 AND KEMPSTON RURAL: PART OF BRIDLEWAY NO. 34) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2024

THIS ORDER is made by the Bedford Borough Council ("the authority") under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") because it appears to the Authority that in the interests of the owner of the land crossed by the bridleways described in paragraph 1 of this Order and in the interests of the public, it is expedient that the line of the bridleways should be diverted.

The Landowner has agreed to defray any compensation which becomes payable in consequence of the coming into force of this Order and any expenses which are incurred in bringing the new site of the bridleways into a fit condition for use by the public.

#### BY THIS ORDER:

1. The public right of way over the land situated in the environs of Bourne End Farm, Bourne End Road, part in the parish of Wootton and part in the parish of Kempston Rural shown by a bold continuous line between Points A – B – X – C on the map attached to this Order and described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order shall be stopped up after 7 (seven) days from the date of confirmation of this order.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Order statutory undertakers shall have the same rights over the land referred to in paragraph 1 above, in respect of their apparatus under, in, upon, over, along or across the said land as they had immediately before the date of confirmation of this Order.
3. There shall at the end of 7(seven) days from the date of confirmation of this Order be a public bridleway over the land situated at Bourne End Farm, Bourne End Road part in the parish of Wootton and part in the parish of Kempston Rural as described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order and shown by a bold broken line between Points D – B – Z - C on the map attached to this Order.
4. This Order may be cited as the, "Bedford Borough Council (Wootton: Bridleway 23 and 24 and Kempston Rural: Part of Bridleway No. 34) Public Path Diversion Order 2024".

Dated this *24* day of *APRIL* 2024

THE COMMON SEAL OF  
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed  
in the presence of:-

Authorised Signatory  
**Wai K. Tsang**  
Solicitor  
Legal Services  
Bedford Borough Council

*Wai K. Tsang*



The foregoing order, subject to the red ink modifications thereon, is hereby confirmed by the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, as set out in the associated decision letter. **26 FEB 2026**

## SCHEDULE

### PART 1

#### DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING PATH OR WAY

i. That length of Public Bridleway numbered 23 in the Parish of Wootton commencing from a point where it has a junction with unaffected Bridleway 21, Wootton Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) SP 9788/4525 shown as Point A on the Order map then running in a generally west-north-west direction for approximately 391 metres until the junction with Bridleway 24 Wootton shown as Point B at (OSGR) SP 9765/4553 on the Order map forming part of this Order

The Definitive Statement records no information in respect of the width for Public Bridleway number 23, Wootton. For the avoidance of doubt, it is intended to extinguish the length of Public Bridleway number 23, Wootton described above in its entirety

ii. That length of Public Bridleway numbered 24 in the Parish of Wootton commencing from a point where it has a junction with Bridleway 23 Wootton at (OSGR) SP 9765/4553 shown as Point B on the Order Map and running in a north-west direction for approximately 254 metres and over a water course and then running in a generally north-west direction for approximately 5 metres to a point approximately 0.5 metres south-east of the parish boundary shown as Point X on the Order Map at (OSGR) SP 9746/4571 where it has a junction with Bridleway 34 Kempston Rural.

The Definitive Statement records no information in respect of the width for Public Bridleway number 24, Wootton. For the avoidance of doubt, it is intended to extinguish the length of Public Bridleway number 24, Wootton described above in its entirety

iii. That length of Public Bridleway numbered 34 in the parish of Kempston Rural commencing from a point approximately 0.5 metres south-east of the parish boundary where it has a junction with Bridleway 23 Wootton at (OSGR) SP 9746/4571 shown as Point X on the Order Map and running in a north-west direction for approximately 15 metres where it connects to the unaffected part of Bridleway 34 Kempston Rural shown as Point C on the Order map at OSGR SP 9746/4572.

The Definitive Statement records no information in respect of the width for Public Bridleway number 34, Kempston Rural. For the avoidance of doubt, it is intended to extinguish the length of Public Bridleway number 34, Kempston Rural described above in its entirety.

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## PART 2

### DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF NEW PATH OR WAY

A length of Public Bridleway part in the parish of Wootton and part in the parish of Kempston Rural commencing from a point where it has a junction with, Bridleway 48, Wootton Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) SP 9774/4522 shown as Point D on the Order map then running in a generally north-west direction for approximately 75 metres and then in a generally north-east direction for approximately 135 metres and then north-west direction for approximately 148 metres to the point shown as B at (OSGR) SP 9765/4553 on the order map and then running in a north-west direction for approximately 254 metres to the point shown as Z at (OSGR) SP 9748/4571 on the Order map being the Parish Boundary and then continuing in a north-west direction for approximately 19 metres to a point where it meets the unaffected section of Bridleway 34, Kempston Rural at (OSGR) SP 9746/4572 shown as Point C on the Order map.

The new section of Public Bridleway described above shall have a width of 4.0 (four) metres throughout.

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By Whom Exercised <b>MD</b>	DATE 14/02/24
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	GEM	26/02/24
APPROVED BY	AQ	

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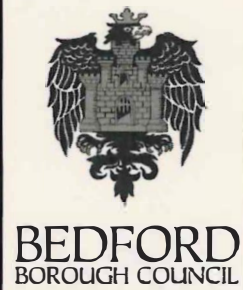
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**(WOOTTON: BRIDLEWAY 23 and 24 and**  
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**PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2024**  
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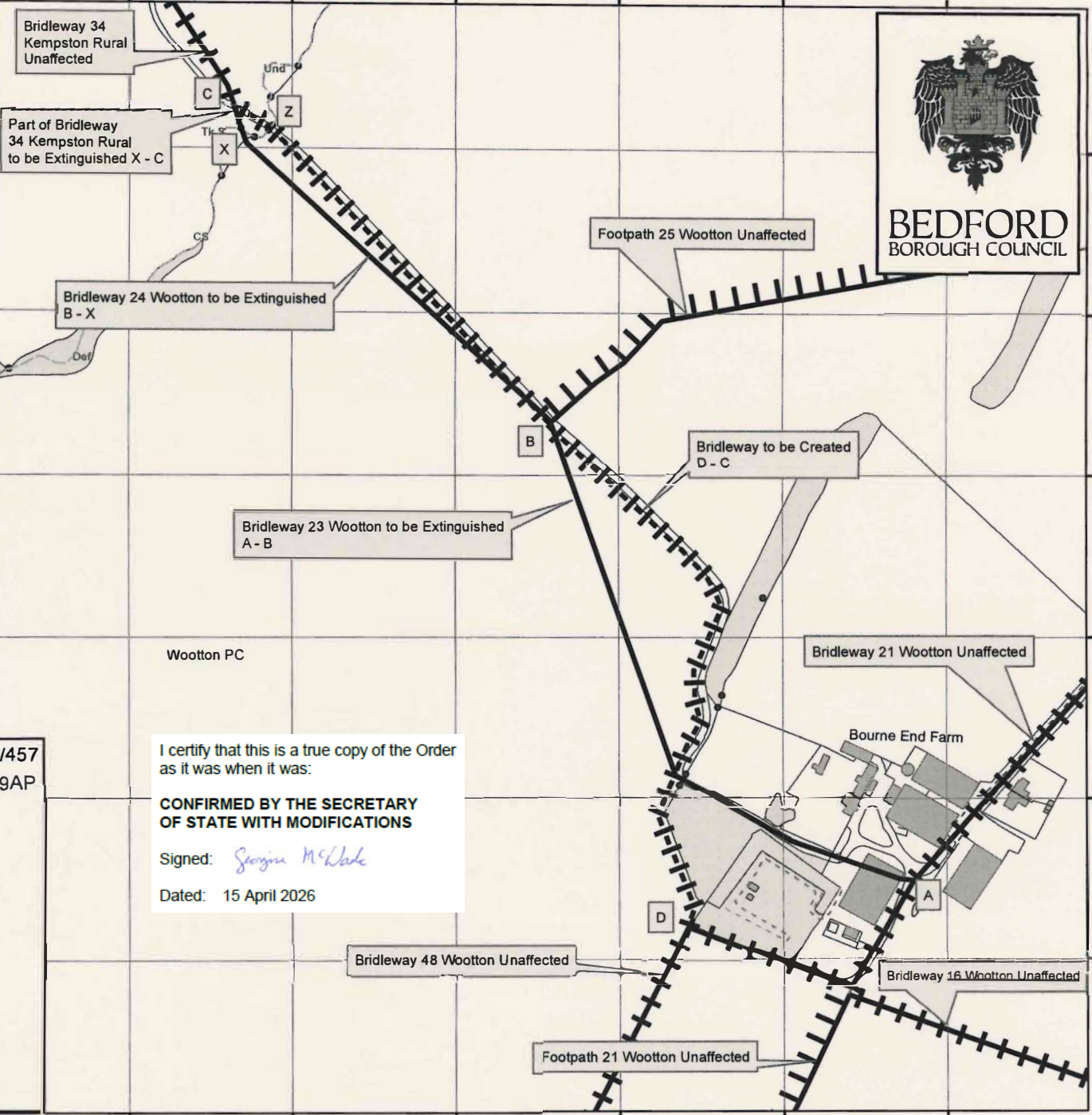
Bedford Borough Council Highways and Transportation  
 Countryside & Public Access Team  
 Created 26 February 2024  
 Highways Act 1980 Section 119



**SCALE: 1:2,500** Centroid of Area of Interest SP 979/457  
 Nearby Post Code MK43 9AP

- Proposed Extinguished Bridleway A - B - X - C
- Proposed Alternative Bridleway D - B - Z - C
- Unaffected Bridleway
- Unaffected Footpath

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