



Notice of Confirmation of Public Path 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**

On 26 February 2026 the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed the above Order with modifications made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert:-

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 24 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.

To a route 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

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map has been placed and may be seen free of charge at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford by appointment from 10am to 4pm on Weekdays (Bank and Public Holidays excepted). A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be downloaded free of charge from the Bedford Borough Council Website. Navigate to: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/public-rights-way/public-path-orders>

The Order comes into force on 02 March 2026, but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within six weeks from 21 May 2026 make an application to the High Court.

Dated 21 May 2026

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Director of Environment