



Notice of Confirmation of Public Path Order

Highways Act 1980

Bedford Borough Council

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (MELCHBOURNE & YILDEN: PART OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. Y17) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2024

On 08 June 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 Footpath numbered Y17 in the Parish of Melchbourne & Yilden in the environs of "The Manor" commencing from a point approximately 118 metres east south-east from the residential dwelling known as "The Manor" Melchbourne & Yilden at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) TL 0143/6728 shown as Point A on the attached map then running in a generally north-west direction for approximately 321 metres before running north for approximately 80 metres where it joins the unaffected part of Footpath Y17 at OSGR TL 0112/6745 shown as Point B on the Order Map to a route commencing from a point where it has a junction with that part of the unaffected part of Footpath Y17, Melchbourne & Yilden approximately 118 metres east south-east from the residential dwelling known as "The Manor" Melchbourne & Yilden at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) TL 0143/6728 shown as Point A on the attached map then running in a generally north-east direction for approximately 147 metres until Point C OSGR TL 0148/6741 where it then runs in a generally westerly direction for approximately 363 metres where it reaches a junction with the unaffected part of Footpath Y17, Melchbourne & Yilden at Ordnance Grid Reference OSGR TL 0112/6745 shown as Point B 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 84 days from the date of confirmation, that is to say on 31 August 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 09 July 2026 make an application to the High Court.

Dated 09 July 2026

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Director of Environment