

# NOTICE OF ORDER

## **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53 Bedford Borough Council**

(Definitive Map and Statement for The Former North Bedfordshire Borough) (Wymington: Public Footpath No.13) Modification Order 2020

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the Order.

The **start date** for the above Order is 7 June 2022

Consideration of the Order will take the form of a public local inquiry.

The Inquiry will be held at Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Caudwell Street, Bedford, MK43 9AP on **Tuesday 1 November 2022** at 10.00am.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding to them a length of Public Footpath in the Parish of Wymington to be numbered 13 in the Definitive Statement that commences where it has a junction with those parts of Public Bridleways number 11 and number 1 and that part of Public Footpath number 1, Wymington to be retained approximately 90 metres west-south-west of the end of Green Lane, Wymington at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) SP 9459/6487 shown as Point A on the order map then running in a generally west-south-westerly direction for approximately 236 metres to a point at OSGR SP 9438/6478 shown as Point B on the order map then running in a generally westerly direction for approximately 82 metres to a point at OSGR SP 9431/6475 shown as Point C on the order map then running in a generally south-westerly direction for approximately 42 metres to a point at OSGR SP 9428/6472 shown as Point D on the order map then running in a generally southerly then south-easterly direction for approximately 82 metres to a bridge at OSGR SP 9429/6465 shown as Point E on the order map then running in a generally east-south-easterly direction for approximately 138 metres to a point at OSGR SP 9442/6459 shown as Point F on the order map then running in a generally south-easterly direction for approximately 489 metres to a point where it has a junction with that part of Public Footpath number 6 Wymington to be retained approximately 10 metres west of the Midland Mainline Railway at OSGR SP 9476/6424 shown as point G on the order map.

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Joanne Drury at The Planning Inspectorate, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel: 0303 444 8928 Email: [Joanne.Drury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:Joanne.Drury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) Please quote reference number ROW/3267215 on all correspondence.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order should contact April Quinn, Definitive Map Officer, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP. Email: [April.Quinn@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:April.Quinn@bedford.gov.uk) Tel: 01234 27679

**As the Authority have indicated that they will not be supporting the Order at the Inquiry, the case for the Order will be presented by Judith Coley. She will be expected to adhere to the following timetable as if they were the Authority.**

### **Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence**

#### **Within 8 weeks of the start date by 2 August 2022**

The Order Making Authority must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices) to everyone who has made an objection or representation and the applicant and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order.

#### **Within 14 weeks of the start date by 13 September 2022**

Everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case<sup>1</sup> is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send full copies to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to the applicant, every person who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

Within the same period the applicant (if applicable) must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a full copy to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to everyone who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

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<sup>1</sup> If you wish to make a legal submission, this should be submitted at the same time as your statement of case. Otherwise legal submissions will have to be submitted in writing on the day of the inquiry.

## **4 weeks before the date of the inquiry by 4 October 2022**

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant (if applicable) and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their proof of evidence (together with any summary) is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

- i) the Authority's proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence);
- ii) the applicant's proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence); and
- iii) all other proofs of evidence to the Authority, the applicant, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence).

All parties must keep to the timetable set out above and ensure that statements of case and proofs of evidence are received by the Secretary of State on time. Late documents will be returned.

We cannot accept any libellous, racist or abusive comments. Any documents containing such comments will be returned.

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