

Bedford Borough Council

**SURVEY OF MODIFICATION ORDER APPLICATION ROUTE**  
**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

To: Bedford Borough Council

of: Borough Hall, Caudwell Street, Bedford MK40 9AP

Name &amp; Address of Applicant Geoffrey KS Lill

Date of Application 22/03/2024

**Description***Please describe the route from end to end noting any significant feature along the way such as landmarks, buildings etc., referencing any photos you may have taken*

The path follows a route to the north of the land previously occupied by the now defunct Bedford golf club. It runs from the end of footpath FP6 where it junctions with a concrete access road leading from Church End, due west and across Branston Way to the bridleway running along the east bank of the River Great Ouse. Photos of the path at various stages can be found in attachment, along with the route depicted in Strava

**Nature of the Surface***Please describe the surface of the path grass, mud, made up track, across fields containing arable crops, noting any significant changes to the surface along the way*

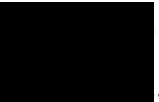
From the end of FP6 to a gate providing access to Branston Way the path is largely mud/grass plus gravel added in places once by the greenkeepers. Within the highway boundary the path is tarmac. There is significant signage at the Branston Way crossing indicating the presence of pedestrians emerging from the path.

**Location of Structures***Please identify and pinpoint any limitations such as stiles, gates, barriers, fences across the line of the path, either by providing a Grid Reference for each structure, or on a copy of the application map*

The gate on the eastern side of the Branston Way is a kissing gate in a state of disrepair, as are most of the fences in the vicinity. There was a wooden post and wire boundary fence between the gate and FP6 which has since decayed significantly. Church End houses backing onto the north side of the path each maintain a variety of domestic wood fences and hedging.

**Width of Path***Please indicate the full width of the path that is being claimed, understanding that if the width varies along the route of the path that the width of each section is described in turn*

As detailed in the attached photographic record of the route of the path

Signed: 

Dated: 22/03/2024

# Footpath Application

## Pictures and accompanying commentary

Pictures taken during a walk along the path from west to east. Length of path .25 miles.

1. The route the path follows



2. The junction with the river path



3. Gate to ramp to cross Branston Way



4. Ramp up to Branston Way



5. Branston Way, which has pedestrian warning lights for both lanes of traffic approaching the crossing.



6. Kissing gate controlling access between the proposed PROW and the road.



7. The path leading up towards Biddenham. Please note the fence post installed as a boundary with the golf course which, since it's departure, has been left to decay. The width of the path at this point, between the fence post and hedging on the boundary of the adjacent residence is approximately 3 metres.



8. The path continuing east up the hill





9. And on...



10. Further evidence of the defunct fence bordering the old golf course



11. The width of the path here is around 7 metres...



12. Leading to a part of the path which is at its narrowest (say 1 metre) due entirely to the overgrowth of vegetation. The gate marking the boundary of the residence behind the vegetation is set back 5 metres.



13. Opening to a clearing of around 7 metres width



14. Heading eastward to the connection with FP6 and the end of an old concrete road that leads to Church End



15. The signpost signifying the end of FP6



16. And FP6 continuing east.

