

Definitive Map Modification Orders T619 and T620, Symondsbury Parish

Both applications have been made on behalf of the British Horse Society.

T619 <https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/rightsofway/definitivemap/register/Details/T619>

T619 asks for the unclassified road (UCR) from Symondsbury village to Quarry Cross to be made a Byway Open to All Traffic.

T620 <https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/rightsofway/definitivemap/register/Details/T620>

T620 the same, but from Rockhopper to Quarry Cross. However the associated map shows the proposed BOAT extending northwards from Quarry Cross to the end of the UCR to the east of North End Farm.

Both applications cite map evidence which is not currently available on the web.

From the definitions below I find it difficult to understand the logic behind this application, in that both allow equestrian and vehicular traffic.

The only significant change would appear to be that maintenance would pass from Dorset Highways to Dorset Countryside.

At the present time Symondsbury and Chideock Parish Councils are being informed of the application. As yet Dorset Council has not carried out any investigative work – when this commences there will be formal consultation with the parishes and the public.

So no response is required at the present time.

DEFINITIONS.

<https://www.trailwise2.co.uk/what-do-the-layers-options-mean>

Section 66(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 defines a byway open to all traffic ("BOAT") as: "a highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is used by the public mainly for the purpose for which footpaths and bridleways are so used".

<https://trail.trf.org.uk/green-road-resources/green-road-terminology/>

Unclassified Road (UCR)

A minor public road which may be paved or unpaved. We enjoy riding the unpaved variant, which must appear on the List of Streets for our use to be lawful.

UCR are usually recorded on OS maps as ORPA or White Roads and are traditionally referred to as 'County Roads'.

Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT)

This is a Right of Way that may be used by motor vehicles but is legally defined as being mainly used by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders.

BOATs are marked on OS maps using alternating red crosses and dashes (Landranger) and green crosses (Pathfinder).

<https://www.landregistry-titled deeds.co.uk/frequently-asked-questions/information/public-rights-of-way.asp>

Byways Open to all Traffic (BOATs)

A Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) is a highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic but which is used by the public mainly for the purposes for which footpaths and bridleways are used (i.e. walking, cycling or horse riding). (United Kingdom Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, section 15(9)(c), as amended by Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, Schedule 1). Byways account for less than 2% of England's unsurfaced Rights of Way network, the remainder being footpaths and bridleways.

A byway open to all traffic is sometimes way-marked using a red arrow on a metal or plastic disc or by red paint dots on posts and trees.

This type of right of way used to be known as a Road Used as a Public Path (RUPP) but was reclassified by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. A BOAT may not be ploughed or obstructed in any way.