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Notified Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: ROW/3280233

25 November 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53
Order Making Authority: Kent County Council
Title of Order: The Kent County Council (Public Footpath ZR281 (Part) Doddington)
Definitive Map Modification Order 2021

Please note that the Council have already consulted/notified you about the making of the above mentioned Order(s). This letter is for your information only. If you are a statutory undertaker, any concerns about your apparatus should be addressed to the Council directly.

I refer to the above mentioned Order which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

The Order will be determined following a hearing which is due to be held at 10.00am on 22 March 2022, at Doddington Village Hall, The Street, Doddington, Kent ME9 0BH.

It is open to anyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else with an interest in the Order to attend the Hearing. However, we expect anyone who has asked to be heard to be there (or send a representative^[1]).

It would be useful for the Inspector if you could confirm whether or not you will be attending the hearing. You should notify me immediately if your circumstances change or you change your mind nearer the date of the hearing.

All parties to the hearing procedure are expected to abide by The Rights of Way (Hearings and Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2007, which can be found at Annex A of our booklet *Guidance on procedures for considering objections to Definitive Map and Public Path Orders in England*. The procedure, which is also summarised in section 3 of the booklet, sets out the timetable for the submission of statements of case. Your attention is also drawn to section 6 of the booklet which identifies the various matters to be considered by the Secretary of State or Inspector in deciding whether or not to confirm an order.

Our booklet is available to view/download online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/>

[publications/rights-of-way-guidance-booklet](#) . Hard copies are available on request.

The enclosed notice, which will appear on our website, contains information about the Order, where queries about the Order should be directed, when and where documents relating to the Order can be inspected by the public and the timetable for sending statements of case. Please ensure you read the notice carefully.

All parties must keep to the timetable to ensure that statements of case are with us on time. If you plan to attend and give evidence, you will need to submit a statement of case, along with copies of any documents you wish to submit in evidence and a list of those documents. Late documents will be returned. As I have given details of the timetable, I will not send you reminders.

Please ensure our case reference number is quoted in all correspondence.

Notified parties only (not prescribed organisations) – unless you inform us that you have an interest in this Order, we will not contact you again. In due course the Inspector's decision will be available to view/download at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rights-of-way-online-order-details>

Definitions:

Statement of case – *a written statement containing full particulars of the case which a person proposes to put forward at a hearing or inquiry; it includes copies of any supporting documents which that person intends to refer to or put in evidence, and a list of those documents.*

We expect statements of case to be paginated, labelled, indexed and submitted in a clear order. Appendix E of our guidance booklet refers. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-of-way-guidance-booklet>

[1] Please refer to paragraphs 3.7 and 8.4 of our booklet *Definitive Map and Public Path Orders*

Yours sincerely,

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