

Warnford Parish Meeting

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Dear Ms Roe

Parish of Warnford -- Access to the Countryside - Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) 963

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to DMMO 963. The following representation is made on behalf of Warnford Parish Meeting.

- 1) Our response considers the route created by the DMMO in two sections:
 - Section 1 - From the A32 to the junction with Exton Footpath 508 (Beaconhill Lane) - i.e. section A to C on the map attached to the DMMO.
 - Section 2 - From the junction with Exton Footpath 508 to the junction with Warnford Footpath 502 – i.e. section C to D on the map attached to the DMMO.
- 2) We support improvement to access to the countryside. In that context Section 2 as defined above will be of significant value to the area and to residents of our Parish. It links the Meon Valley Trail via Peake New Road and Beaconhill Lane to the National Nature Reserve on Beacon Hill, making possible a very attractive new circular walk from our village as well as providing a new route for longer distance walkers.
- 3) Section 1 will not add much value as it ends on the verge of the A32, and walking along the A32 to the village would be dangerous. Furthermore its creation on the marked route would create an intrusion into a private garden likely to be unacceptable to the owner. We believe that an alternative route should be negotiated for this section.
- 4) We support the DMMO, but hope and expect that the final line of the footpath will be negotiated with the affected landowners so that it creates the route which is of genuine value but minimises any negative impact.

Please could you let me know if comments/objections etc to the DMMO are made public, and if so, where and when.

Also, will we be informed if the matter goes to Committee?

I hope this letter is clear. If you need any clarification please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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