

NOTICE OF ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 SECTION 53

Hertfordshire County Council
(Offley 54 and Pirton 28) Modification Order 2011

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. Following an earlier inquiry, the Inspector appointed to determine the Order issued a letter in which he proposed to make modifications to the Order as drafted. Following advertisement of those proposals objections/representations have been received.

The **start date** for the above Order is **15 May 2013**.

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

The Inquiry will be held at **Pirton Village Hall, High Street, Pirton, Hertfordshire, SG5 3PS** on **Tuesday 12 November 2013** 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 bridleway running along the line of the Icknield Way, commencing at the Hexton Road (a public road) at TL 1458 2996 and continuing in a generally north easterly direction along a track for approximately 1,000 metres to the junction with the Hitchin Road (a public road) at Punch's Cross at TL 1552 3028. The bridleway recommences on the east side of the Hitchin Road at TL 1552 3028, past the junction with Pirton Bridleway 27 at TL 1553 3029 and continues in a generally north easterly direction along a track for approximately 1,625 metres (past the point at which the parish boundary turns south at TL 1561 3030) to the parish boundary and junction with Westmill Lane (a public highway) at TL 1702 3088.

The effect of the proposed modifications would be to provide for the following:

- At lines 1 and 5 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the Order delete 'bridleway' and insert 'byway open to all traffic'.
- At Part II of the Schedule to the Order delete all references to 'BR' and insert 'BOAT'
- On the Order maps, both in the key and the map, delete the annotation showing the bridleway to be added (a dashed line with cross bars in the intervals) and replace with a continuous line with arrowheads shown alternatively above and below the line. From the key to the Order maps delete the word 'Bridleway' from the line stating 'Bridleway to be added' and insert 'Byway open to all traffic'.

On Order map part 1, at the end of the line indicating the 'Bridleway to be added', insert 'A-B, C-D-E-F'.

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Jean McEntee at The Planning Inspectorate, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/25 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Telephone: 0303 444 5437. Email: jean.mcentee@pins.gsi.gov.uk Please quote reference number FPS/M1900/7/70M on all correspondence.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, Hertfordshire, SG13 8DN between 10am – 12pm, 2 – 4pm Monday-Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). To make an appointment to view, please contact Ms Janet Briscoe on Telephone Number (01992) 555659.

Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence

Within 8 weeks of the start date [by 10 July 2013]

The Order Making Authority must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after receiving it the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents) to everyone who has made an objection or representation following the modifications and the applicant.

Everyone who has made an objection or representation following the proposed modifications and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case¹ is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after receiving them the Secretary of State will send copies to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation following the proposed modifications and the applicant (excluding copies of any supporting documents).

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 receiving it the Secretary of State will send a copy to the Authority and everyone who has made an objection or representation (excluding copies of any supporting documents) following the proposed modifications.

4 weeks before the date of the inquiry [by 15 October 2013]

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation following the proposed modifications, 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 the Secretary of

¹ 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.

State. As soon as possible after receiving them, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

- i) the Authority's proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation following the proposed modifications, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of case;
- ii) the applicant's proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation following the proposed modifications and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case; and
- iii) all other proofs of evidence to the Authority and the applicant.

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.

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