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Sent:

07 December 2022 15:17

To:

[Carol Mckay](#)

Subject:

RE: TCS KB 01/12 P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED
EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79,
BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF
BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Attachments:

[887536-BEAMINSTER .pdf](#)

Good Afternoon Carol

**TCS KB 01/12 P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF
FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY
80**

Thank you for your letter and drawing dated 01-12-22 regarding possible diversionary works.

Openreach records indicate that no apparatus exists within the area of your proposed works. Please note that a site survey has not been carried out at this stage, and therefore, if any Openreach apparatus is affected by your works, please contact us so that we can provide you with the necessary Estimate of Costs for alteration/diversion.

Regards

Stephen Conen

Network Rearrangement Project Engineer

e-mail: stephen.conen@openreach.co.uk

We build and maintain the digital network that enables more than 600 providers to deliver broadband to homes, hospitals, schools and businesses large and small. Our engineers work in every community, every day, because we believe everyone deserves decent and reliable broadband.

Openreach is Britain's digital network business. We connect homes, mobile phone masts, schools, shops, banks, hospitals, libraries, broadcasters, governments and businesses - large and small - to the world.

Dorset council
COUNTY HALL
COLLITON PARK
DORCHESTER
DT1 1XJ

Our Ref: BNSR11/887536/SC

Your Ref:

7th December 2022

FAO: Carol McKay

Dear Madam

TCS KB 01/12 P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80

Thank you for your letter and drawing dated 01-12-22 regarding possible diversionary works.

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It should be noted our network is being enhanced on a daily basis. Therefore, to make absolutely certain no apparatus exists, we recommend you obtain on-site advice and confirmation of the location of Openreach apparatus by contacting the Openreach "Click-Before-You-Dig" Service:

E-mail: cbyd@openreach.co.uk

(Office hours: Monday - Friday 08:00 to 17:00)

Click-Before-You-Dig services are free of charge, but please note that seven working days notice is required for these services.

If you wish to discuss your proposal further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Stephen Conen
Repayments Project Engineer

Repayments (Alterations)

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Our Ref: 27771925 Your Ref: P226

Tuesday, 29 November 2022

Carol McKay
County Hall Colliton Park
Dorchester
Dorset
DT1 1XJ

**National Grid Electricity
Distribution**

Mapping Centre
Toll End Road
Tipton
West Midlands
United Kingdom
DY4 0HH
www.nationalgrid.co.uk

Dear Carol McKay

Thank you for your enquiry dated Tuesday, 29 November 2022

I now enclose a copy of our plan showing existing National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) Electricity / National Grid Telecoms (NGT) apparatus in the vicinity of your proposed works. This information is given as a general guide only and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Please note that all NGED equipment on site should be assumed to be LIVE until NGED prove otherwise and provide you with confirmation to this effect in writing. Recent additions to our network, or service connections between the main cable and a building or street lamp may not be shown.

Map Response
T 0121 623 9780
NGED.MapResponse
[@nationalgrid.co.uk](mailto:NGED.MapResponse@nationalgrid.co.uk)

Damage to underground cables and contact with overhead lines can cause severe injury or may prove fatal. If you are excavating on site in the vicinity of either NGED Electrical apparatus or NGT Telecoms apparatus you must comply with the requirements of the following:-

Health & Safety Executive guidance HS(G)47, Avoiding Danger from underground services.

Work taking place in the vicinity of our plant is also regulated under the:-

Electricity at Work Regulations 1989, Health and Safety Act 1974, CDM Regulations 2015.

Safe working procedures should be defined and practiced

Please ensure that the use of mechanical excavators in the vicinity of our plant is kept to a minimum. NGT Telecoms ducts contain fibre cables, which are expensive to repair. Therefore, extreme care must be taken whilst working in the vicinity of these ducts, hand digging methods being used to determine their precise position.

If there are overhead lines crossing your site and your proposal involves building works which may infringe the clearance to our overhead system then you should call the relevant general enquiries number (see page 2 of this letter) for advice. Where overhead lines cross your site you must comply with the requirements of Health & Safety Executive guidance as laid down in GS6, Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Electric Lines.

National Grid Electricity
Distribution
South West - 02366894
South Wales - 02366985
East Midlands - 02366923
West Midlands - 03600574

Where diversions to NGED apparatus are needed to allow change to occur on site, the cost of these alterations may be charged to the persons responsible for the works.

If you require advice in connection with your proposals please contact the relevant general enquiries number (see page 2 of this letter)

Registered in
England and Wales

Following consultation the local NGED team will where necessary prepare detailed proposals and provide a quotation for any necessary alterations and/or development of our equipment on the site.

Registered Office:
Avonbank
Feeder Road
Bristol
BS2 0TB

This information is given as a guide only and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. This plan is based on data from our Geographic Information System, which is updated every 24 hours to reflect changes to our network. The information contained in this plan reflects the most recent network GIS data, however changes to the network (including network additions and new service

Safety Documents:

<https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/health-safety/public-safety-advice>

connections) may not be shown. You are advised to obtain an up to date plan on the date of commencing on-site works.

Yours sincerely
NGED Map Response Team

Contact Us

Emergency or Power Supply issues

In an emergency call 105, 24 hours a day.

Mapping Enquiries

If you have an enquiry relating to this letter or the attached map plan, please contact us using the following information:

Telephone 0121 623 9780
Email NGED.MapResponse@nationalgrid.co.uk

General Enquiries

If you have a general enquiry, please call us on the following telephone number:

All areas 0800 096 3080

LSBUD

If you have an enquiry relating to the use of the LSBUD website please contact LSBUD using the following information:

Telephone 0345 437 7365
Email enquiries@LSBUD.co.uk
Website www.LSBUD.co.uk

Steps to help keep you safe

- If you are working within 10 metres of our 33kV, 66kV, 132kV underground electricity cables or within 10 meters of an overhead electricity line you should call the relevant General Enquiries for free safety advice.

Safety Documents – please download our informative safety documents to help ensure that you, your staff and the public are kept safe whilst working in the vicinity of electricity.

<https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/health-safety/public-safety-advice>

- **Make sure you have up to date plans** - remember that recent additions to our network or service connections between the main cable and a building or street lamp may not be shown.
- **Look for signs of service cables** - an electricity meter box or nearby streetlamp may give you an indication that service cables are present in your area of work.
- **Non NGED Network** - electricity cables, lines and equipment owned by others may also be present in addition to NGED network. They are unlikely to be shown on our plans.
- **Use a cable locator** - trace electricity cables and mark the position of them using paint or other waterproof marking on the ground.
- **Hand dig trial holes** - to confirm the position of cables in close proximity to your area of your work and use spades and shovels rather than picks, pins or forks.
- **Have an emergency plan** - so that everyone working on site understands what to do in the event of an underground electricity cable being damaged or contact being made with an overhead electricity line.
- **If you are working within 10 meters** of an overhead electricity line then it may be necessary for you to erect warning signs and markers, or height restriction goal posts. Ensure that you comply with the requirements of Health & Safety Executive guidance laid down in GS6, Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Electric Lines.
- **If you are erecting a structure** that could allow anyone standing on it, or its access device (ladder, scaffold, MEWP), to come within 3m of any overhead electric line then **you must inform us**. This is your duty and a legal requirement under the Electricity Safety, Quality & Continuity Regulations 2002.
- **If you cannot work safely** around the underground electricity cable or overhead electricity line, then you may need to get it moved to allow your works to go ahead. Call the general enquiry numbers above for guidance.
- **It is possible that cables or pipes may be embedded in concrete** - electricity cables embedded in concrete MUST be made 'dead' by Western Power Distribution or the cable owner before the concrete is broken out. Alternatively, another safe way of working should be agreed.
- **Cables are sometimes covered by tiles or a marker tape** - these can be concrete, polythene or earthenware and are a useful early warning of the presence of cables; you should avoid disturbing any tiles or tape to expose the cable. Not all cables have these warning indicators.

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Spatial Planning
County Hall
Colloton Park
Dorchester
DT1 1XJ

Our ref
7501

Your ref
CAM/RW/P226

Direct Line
01208 892270

Date
01 December 2022

Dear Carol

Proposed Extinguishment of Part of Footpath 79 and Diversion of Bridleway 80 at Chantry Farm
Beaminster

Thank you for your letter received today.

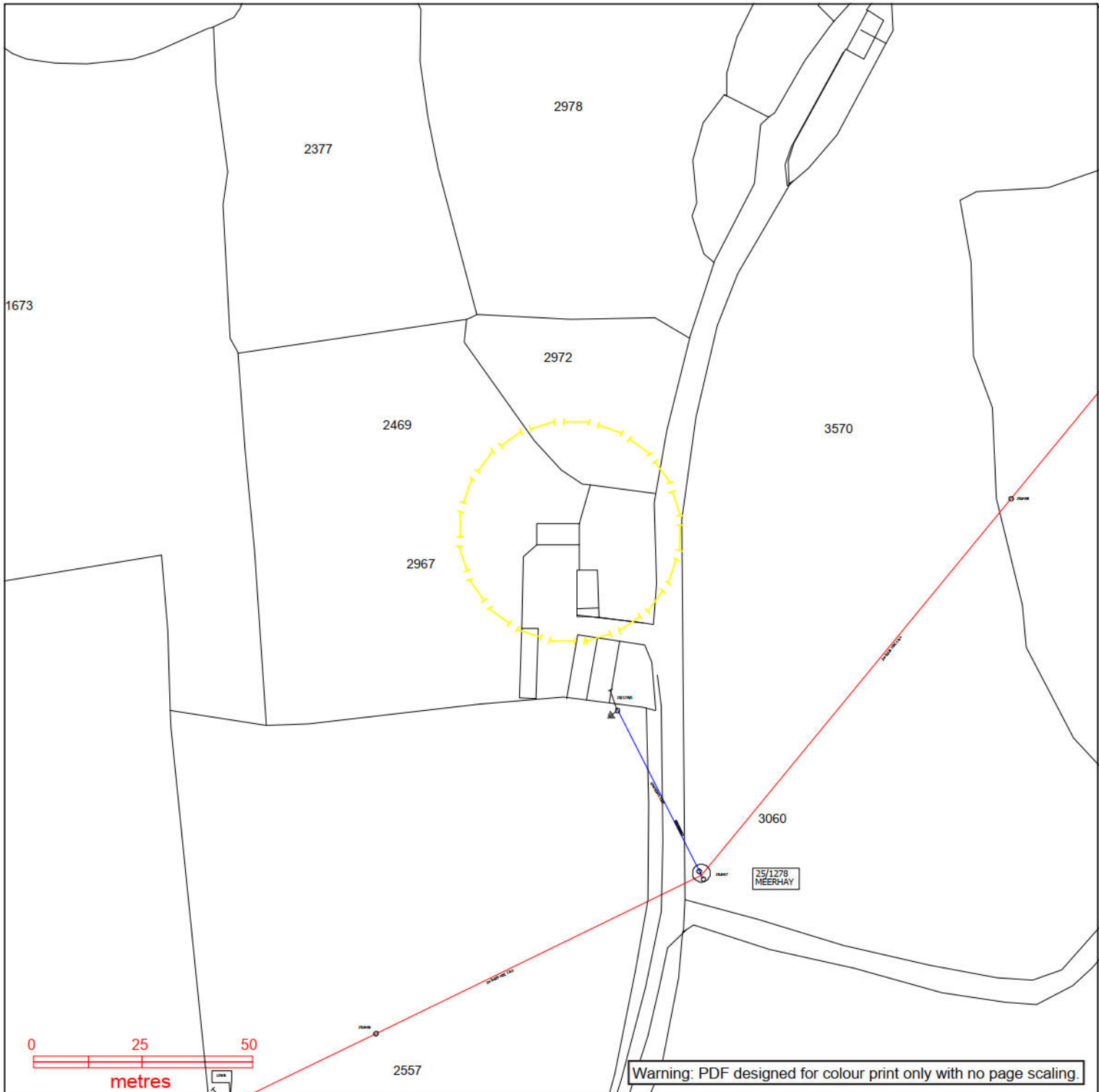
National Grid Electricity Distribution has overhead apparatus which may be affected by the
proposal, as shown on the enclosed plan.

However, National Grid Electricity Distribution has no objection to the proposal, provided the
proposed Order contains the usual clause in respect of access to our apparatus.

Yours sincerely *M*



Miss Marianne Pipet
Wayleaves
Bodmin Office



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nationalgrid Electricity Distribution

Contact Us

Mapping Enquiries:
All areas 0121 623 9780

General Enquiries:
All areas 0800 096 3080

Date Requested: 29/11/2022
Job Reference: 27771925
Site Location: 348287 102694
Requested by:
Mrs Carol McKay
Your Scheme/Reference:
P226

Exact Scales:
1:1250 Area or Circle dig site
1:500 Line dig site

Link Box	Overhead Line	Underground Cable	National Grid Telecoms	Pilot Cables
●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PL ○ Service ○ LV ○ HV (11kV) ○ HV (33kV) ○ HV (66kV) ○ HV (132kV) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- --- --- --- --- --- --- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- PME Earth --- Underground Earth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pole Mounted Transformer □ Ground Mounted Transformer
Site Location Line/Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- --- --- --- --- --- --- 			

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- This information is given as a guide only and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Services or recent additions to the network may not be shown.
- Cables, overhead lines & substations owned by other electricity network owners or private companies may be present and may not be shown.
- You should always verify exact locations of cables using a cable locator and by careful use of hand tools in accordance with HSE guidance note HSG47.
- When working within 10m of any overhead electric line you should follow the requirements of HSE Guidance Note GS6.
- For further advice on working near our electricity cables or lines, call our General Enquiries number.
- Advice should be sought from the National Grid Electricity Distribution General Enquiries team for any work that is to take place in proximity to 132kV underground cables and 132kV overhead lines.

Report damage immediately – KEEP EVERYONE AWAY FROM THE AREA
0800 6783 105

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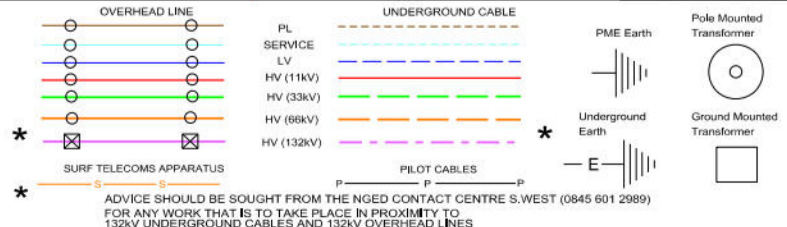
PLEASE NOTE: This plan ONLY shows assets owned by National Grid Electricity Distribution. Electricity assets owned by IDNO's (Independent Network Operators) MAY be present in this area.

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DATE: 01/12/2022
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 TITLE:
 PLOT CENTRE: 347786.593,102854.295

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From: [Sewer Buildover](#)
Sent: 08 December 2022 10:01
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER
Attachments: [P226-22-2.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Site Name & Address: 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER
. **Application ref no:** CAM RW/P226

Thank you for your recent consultation regarding the above site and the potential impact that the proposed development may have on the public sewerage system.

Wessex Water would appreciate you forwarding the following information to your client:

“Dear Sir/Madam,

You have indicated that you have building works planned at your property. These may be over or within 3m of a public sewer and, if so, you might need our permission before you get started. To find out more please visit our website <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/services/building-and-developing>

We have recently completed a review of our process to try to make the whole experience simple & clear for our customers.

Please note that if you meet all of our six new standard criteria, you have our consent to proceed and it means that you won't need to contact us. Alternatively, if you are building near a public sewer but unable to meet all our standard criteria, or you are building over a public sewer, you will need to make a formal application.

We would recommend that you check the website at an early opportunity to ensure that any issues can be resolved well in advance of works commencing on site. Please be aware that failure to obtain our agreement, where required, could lead to difficulties selling your property in the future.

We offer an online service where you can obtain copies of our sewer record maps via email. Not all sewers will be shown and for those that are, their illustrated position is approximate. Follow this link to request a map: [Asset record](#). *Please refer to the caveat produced on the record.*

This email only relates to the location of any public lateral drains, sewers or disposal mains that may be affected by the proposed development. It excludes other apparatus that may be owned by the company. Any new connections required to these assets (both direct and indirect), including any capacity or network concerns, are similarly not catered for here and may require separate approval. Relevant guidance and application information is also available on the above website link.

If this email relates to work you are carrying out on behalf of a client, Wessex Water would appreciate you forwarding through this information.

If you have any queries or require further advice or assistance in this matter, please contact our Sewer Buildover Team on 01225 526333 or by email at sewer.buildover@wessexwater.co.uk

Kind Regards,
Paris Jenkins
Administrative Assistant
Developer Services
Wessex Water
Claverton Down Bath BA2 7WW
Contact number 01225 526 422
wessexwater.co.uk



Wessex Water Network Map



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WATER MAINS	SEWERS	STRATEGIC PUBLIC	PRIVATE	SECTION 104	OTHER WESSEX PIPES	NON-WESSEX / UNKNOWN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution Washout Raw Water Abandoned Private 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foul Surface Combined Abandoned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red arrow Blue arrow Purple arrow Red 'x' Purple 'x' Blue 'x' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red dashed arrow Blue dashed arrow Purple dashed arrow Red 'x' Purple 'x' Blue 'x' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising Mains Standby Rising Mains EDM Overflow Syphon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Rising Mains Culverted Watercourse Highway Drain Use Unknown Status Unknown 	
FITTINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrant Other 	STRUCTURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manhole - Foul Manhole - Surface Manhole - Combined Inlet Outfall Lamphole Bifurcation - Foul Bifurcation - Surface Bifurcation - Combined Combined Sewage Overflow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pumping Station - Surface Pumping Stn - Foul/Combined Gully Vent Column Rodding Eye Catchpit Flushing Chamber Soakaway Non Return Valve Air Valve Hatch Box Washout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attenuation Tank Storage Tank Chamber Tunnel Interceptor 			

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Wessex Water
YTL GROUP

Date: 23/12/2022
Centre: 347806, 102647
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From: [Griffin, Daniel](#)
Sent: 13 December 2022 15:38
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: RE: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED
EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79,
BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF
BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Hello Carol,

Thanks for the attachments. None of the footpath works are near to a main river channel – The Manor Park Drain becomes main river at ST4800602287 – and so no FRA Permit will be required from the EA. If you are installing or altering a culvert on an ordinary watercourse (non-main river channel) you are likely to require an ordinary watercourse consent – which are dealt with by the Flood Risk Management Team in Dorset Council.

Kind Regards,

Daniel Griffin
FCRM Officer

Partnership & Strategic Overview Team
Flood and Coastal Risk Management - Dorset and Wiltshire
Wessex Area
Environment Agency
Internal: 39299
External: 020302 59299
daniel.griffin@environment-agency.gov.uk
Rivers House, Sunrise Business Park, Higher Shaftesbury Rd., Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 8ST

PLEASE SEND NEW FRA PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO: Blandford.frap@environment-agency.gov.uk

Further information on the new Flood Risk Activity Permits can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits>

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?



<https://www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy>

From: Carol Mckay <carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 December 2022 13:33
To: Griffin, Daniel <daniel.griffin@environment-agency.gov.uk>; FBG.WessexSou <SW_SWESSEXFRB@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Hi Daniel
Please see the attached consultation documents.
Kind Regards
Carol

Carol McKay
(My pronouns: She/her/hers)
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Definitive Map Team
Economic Growth and Infrastructure
Dorset Council

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From: Griffin, Daniel <daniel.griffin@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 December 2022 10:10
To: FBG.WessexSou <SW_SWESSEXFRB@environment-agency.gov.uk>; Carol Mckay <carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Hello both,

I have no attachments and so no location or information on which to comment.

Kind Regards,

Daniel Griffin
FCRM Officer

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From: FBG.WessexSou <SW_SWESSEXFRB@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 December 2022 09:29

To: Carol Mckay <carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Cc: Griffin, Daniel <daniel.griffin@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Hi Carol, thank you, I am cc'ing Daniel in to ensure no FRAP is required.

Otherwise no comments from us.

Thank you

Roz

Rosamund Hare

Biodiversity Officer | Wessex (South) | West Dorset, Frome and Piddle | Fisheries, Biodiversity & Geomorphology

(Working hours: 09:00-14:00 Mon-Fri)

Environment Agency | Rivers House | Sunrise Business Park | Blandford Forum | Dorset | DT11 8ST
02030 29 269 | 07867 536 754 | rosamund.hare@environment-agency.gov.uk

From: Carol Mckay <carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 05 December 2022 16:56

To: FBG.WessexSou <SW_SWESSEXFRB@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Hi Roz

Our mapping system show an 'other watercourse – fluvial' (red line on attached plan) in the area but no main rivers. The data is provided by EA. The culvert will cross the watercourse.

We have also consulted our in house Natural Environment Team.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Carol

Carol McKay
(My pronouns: She/her/hers)
Senior Definitive Map Technical Officer
Definitive Map Team
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From: FBG.WessexSou <SW_SWESSEXFRB@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Sent: 01 December 2022 10:17

To: Carol Mckay <carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Good morning, thank you for your email, I think that unless the watercourse is being impacted we wouldn't really comment here as I assume in terms of any terrestrial ecology impacts the councils own ecologists would be commenting?

There is mention of a culvert but I cant make out what this culvert is used for? If there's main river here then a FRAP would be required.

Thank you
Roz

Rosamund Hare

Biodiversity Officer | Wessex (South) | West Dorset, Frome and Piddle | Fisheries, Biodiversity & Geomorphology
(Working hours: 09:00-14:00 Mon-Fri)

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From: Carol Mckay <carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 01 December 2022 08:44

Subject: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Please see attached consultation documents relating to the above proposed extinguishment of part of Footpath 79 and diversion of part of Bridleway 80, Beaminster at Chantry Farm.
Regards

Carol McKay
(My pronouns: She/her/hers)
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Dorchester
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Date: 06 December 2022
Your ref: CAM RW/P226

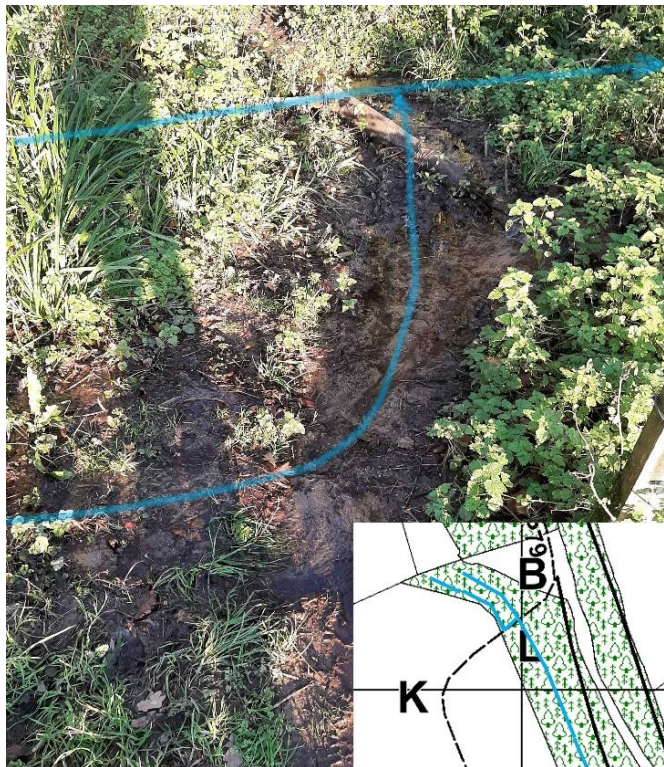
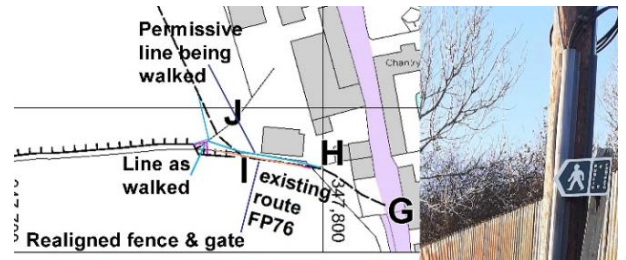
Dear Mrs McKay,

RE: Beaminster Footpath 79 S118 Extinguishment (Part), Bridleway 80 S119 Diversion (Part)

I write in response to the above Application consultation. The proposals in this Application Consultation are slightly different to those agreed to in the final Pre-application Consultation that I responded to. Overall these changes are an improvement over what was proposed in the PAC and the diversion of the bridleway has been extended to resolve a long standing issue with an unusable section of the bridleway (D) – (E) – (F) so, at this time, I am happy to support the proposal.

However, a couple of points that need to be addressed before the order is made and subsequently confirmed:

The map included in the consultation is out of date compared to the situation on the ground. The landowner has modified the fenceline from (H) to the position of the existing stile, re-aligning the gate and removing the step from the stile, this brings part of Footpath 76 partially within the corridor of land containing the proposed route but the two are not concurrent. These changes are minimal but the deviation may be sufficient to warrant adding the changes to Footpath 76 to the order.



The surface improvements need to include the section from (L) to (B). Although it is not shown on the map, there is a 2nd stream that runs down through the woodland cutting across the proposed line of the path and in wet weather a small subsidiary of this flows on the proposed path from (L) into this. If these can not be eradicated by reprofiling the stream upstream from (B), as these both originate from the same source as the marked stream, then an additional culvert and boardwalk may be required.

Yours sincerely,
Richard Meatyard

Cc: Mrs J.Wardell,

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 06 January 2023 11:00
To: [Richard Meatyard](#)
Cc: [Jan Wardell](#)
Subject: RE: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED
EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79,
BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF
BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Dear Richard

Many thanks for this, I thought your response must have gone missing somehow!

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From: [Guy Dickinson](#)
Sent: 30 December 2022 19:44
To: Carol Mckay
Cc: [Linda Williams CPRE](#)
Subject: Footpath 79 in Beaminster.

Dear Ms McKay

West Dorset CPRE objects to the removal of part of Footpath 79 and diversion of part of Bridleway 80 near Beaminster. We believe the public should have as much practical access to the countryside by such routes as possible. It is clearly very important to many local people.

Yours sincerely

Dr Guy Dickinson

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Chair West Dorset CPRE

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:23
To: ['Guy Dickinson'](#)
Subject: RE: Footpath 79 in Beaminster.

P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Dear Dr Dickinson

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From: [Claire Pinder](#)
Sent: 01 December 2022 12:09
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: RE: P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED
EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79,
BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF
BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Dear Carol

**Historic Environment
Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath 79 (part) and Diversion of Bridleway 80 (part),
Beaminster**

With reference to your email/letter of 1 December, there are at present no recorded archaeological finds or features or historic buildings on or in the immediate vicinity of the routes affected by this proposal.

Consequently, I do not feel that historic environment considerations constitute a constraint in the context of this proposal.

Regards

Claire

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4th January 2023

Ms Carol McKay
Senior Definitive Map Technical Officer
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County Hall
Colliton Park
Dorchester DT1 1XJ

Dear Ms McKay

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1st December 2022 and note the content.

Beaminster Town Council had the opportunity to consider the proposal to extinguish part of Footpath 79 and the proposal to divert part of Bridleway 80 in the parish of Beaminster at a meeting last evening. The conclusion of the discussions resulted in a resolution to **object** to the current proposals based on the following observations:

- Historically it is believed that the route forms part of a Drovers route
- The diversion of Footpath 79 would impact on the public's enjoyment of the walk as it would remove part of the woodland walk
- The proposal to combine Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80 at point B would be detrimental to the habitat through the woods as it is a particularly wet area

Members of the Council are given to believe an alternative diversion route has been submitted which offers the privacy and security sought by the landowner whilst maintaining the route of the current Footpath with the exception of a small section at the commencement of the path at point A where it runs through the farmyard.

In submitting the objection to the proposed diversions the Town Council would urge Dorset Council to consider and enter into discussion with the landowner with a view to a compromise based on the document submitted putting forward a change to the small section around the property.

I note in your last paragraph that if the case is to be taken before the Strategic Planning Committee members of the public are permitted to speak, may I request that Beaminster Town Council are kept informed of progress of this application and be advised the date of the meeting at which this will be discussed.

Your sincerely

Christine Bright, Town Clerk



Twinned with St. James, Normandy, France

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 04 January 2023 09:29
To: 'Town Clerk'
Subject: RE: FOOTPATH 79 & BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER,
DORSET

P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2023 14:06
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Footpath 79 Beaminster

Dear Carol,

Ref : CW RW/P226

I am emailing to support for the footpath to be moved. Yes, the existing path is lovely but the new route is far less muddy and offers great views.

Plus, it means not having to walk through the farm which is better for the dogs so they get more time off the lead.

There are plenty of other lovely woodland walks and a 100 metre stretch doesn't matter when there is a safe alternative route right next door.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
Resident in Beaminster

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 05 January 2023 10:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath 79 Beaminster

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2023 23:09
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: CAM/RW/P226

Dear Carol,

I am writing in objection to the planned re-routing of the public's walkway in question with reference to CAM/RW/P226.

I live very close by, and use the walk semi-regularly, and the field option will significantly reduce the enjoyment of the walk.

I hope this can be considered within the judgement.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 06 January 2023 09:15
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CAM/RW/P226

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 December 2022 09:51
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Footapth 79 Consultation

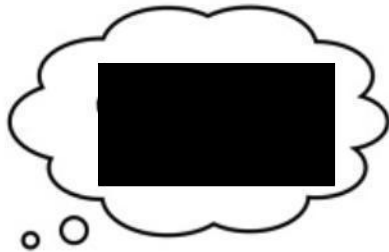
Dear Ms McKay - I am writing to express my opposition to the "extinguishing" of Footpath 79 in Beaminster.

We don't have many stream side woodland paths in Dorset and this route is particularly beautiful.

I wold like this path to remain for future generations to enjoy.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:11
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath 79 Consultation

P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

Dear [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 December 2022 18:53
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Objection to application to extinguish footpath 79

Dear Ms McKay

Regarding the application to extinguish footpath 79 and divert part of bridleway 80 at chantry farm, Beaminster. We think that the extinguishment of Footpath 79 from A-B and the proposed diverted route of the Footpath along with the diversion of Bridleway Way 80 will negatively effect the enjoyment of the walk which we so regularly enjoy as nearby neighbours. It will be sad for local people (especially our children) to no longer have access to enjoy the woodland, stream and nature ponds that this footpath meanders through.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carol Mckay](#)
Sent: 20 December 2022 08:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Objection to application to extinguish footpath
79

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2022 10:20
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Footpath north of Chantry farm Beaminster

Dear Ms McKay

I am dismayed to see that there are diversions and alterations planned to the footpath running north of Chantry Farm, Beaminster. This historic route is one much used and enjoyed by people of Beaminster and it is not acceptable that public enjoyment of a footpath should be sacrificed to the wishes of one landowner. The path should be improved, not taken away.

Thanks you

[REDACTED]
Beaminster

From: [Carol Mckay](#)
Sent: 16 December 2022 08:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath north of Chantry farm Beaminster

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 December 2022 15:17
To: [Carol McKay](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF
FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER
Attachments: [Beaminster footpath.docx](#)
[Beaminster footpath plan \(amended\).pdf](#)

Dear Ms McKay

I have seen your e-mail dated 1st December, with its accompanying plan, giving details of the application to extinguish/divert the above footpath, and the bridleway which runs alongside it. I have recently walked the footpath, as well as speaking to [REDACTED] and agree entirely with him that, amongst other things, it would be a great pity, and totally unnecessary, in my view, to lose a lovely stretch of native woodland walk.

I attach my own representations, which I would be grateful if you would consider, together with a copy of the plan of the route, showing my suggested compromise route. Perhaps I could add the following points:

- 1) I have seen an article in the Bridport News (repeated in the Echo) that, rightly or wrongly, suggests "*Dorset Council said it is working with the landowners and the public to reach an 'agreeable solution'*" - this seems to me to be the way forward, and, if the diversion were amended, so that it branched off at point O on the map, rather than continuing up the field, it would answer the applicants' security issues, particularly if they erected a fence, and planted a screening hedge on their side of the rights of way, and at the same time would preserve the existing route through the woods;
- 2) I also hope you will feel that my suggestion for the bridleway to continue from point P to meet up with the existing bridleway at point Q makes sense, and avoids the potential problem of the footpath becoming churned up by horses, which would be likely if both shared the same route, as suggested by the applicants;
- 3) Following on from this, while I think it is reasonable to offer the applicants a compromise, which, hopefully, leaves all parties reasonably happy, I feel strongly that they should recognise their own responsibilities, and, if not, the Council, should make it clear what is expected of them. I make the point as it is apparent the existing bridleway, which must be hundreds of years old, has been allowed to grow over (which does not take long), and, not only should it be made passable now, but it should be kept clear in

the future. I feel I am entitled to say this from my own experience, as we had a footpath running round the edge of our previous property, and I made sure each year that the vegetation was cut back.

I hope that helps, but let me know if you have any queries. In any event, I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this e-mail and its attachments.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

Proposed extinguishment/diversion of Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80, Beaminster

1. I have seen the proposals for modification of these rights of way set out in Dorset Council's e-mail dated 1st December 2022, and would be grateful if my comments on the same could be taken into consideration when making a decision on the application brought by the current owners of Chantry Farm.

2. I walked Footpath 79 to familiarise myself with the existing route, and to establish the route of the proposed diversion, and how this would affect it, on 22nd December. I have also considered the provisions of section 119(6) of the Highways Act 1980, as clarified by the Court of Appeal's decision in *Open Spaces Society v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs* [2020] EWHC 1085; this confirms that, in applying the test of expediency, the decision making is not based solely on the criteria set out in section 119(6)(a), (b) and (c) of the Act, but can take into account a broad range of other matters.

3. It is suggested that diversion of the bridleway is necessary as its current route "*is impassable due to wet and boggy ground.*" However, my inspection suggests that this is not in fact the case, and the difficulty arises from the fact that the hedging and undergrowth overhanging the bridleway (as opposed to the footpath) have simply not been kept cut back as the owner of the land is required to do. It will be seen that the present routes of the footpath and bridleway, although running alongside one another, are separate, and the latter, being an ancient "tunnel" or "green lane" is particular susceptible to lack of maintenance.

4. As there is a stream running between the footpath and the bridleway through the wood, the ground is wet, unsurprisingly, particularly given the amount of rain recently, but neither come anywhere near being "impassable", and, indeed, are in far better condition than many other rights of way at this time of year. I would therefore respectfully suggest that re-routing both through the adjoining field between points J and K would not "*improve accessibility and enjoyment of the route for the public*". I say that, as, on inspection, not only is accessibility not an issue, at possibly the worst time of year, but it certainly would not be during the spring and summer months when walkers would gain the full benefit of the route through a delightful section of native woodland. By way of contrast, the suggested diversion across an open field along the edge of the wood is no different to a multitude of footpaths across the county, and from that point of view would certainly not enhance, but rather would detract from, the enjoyment of those walking the route. In passing, even if the footpath were diverted as suggested, it would still enter the wood further along at point B, when the same purported issue of accessibility would be encountered, not least because that section actually crosses the stream. However, my experience last week demonstrated that that this really does not represent a problem, certainly not when compared to almost every other country footpath at this time of year, and should not seriously be considered a reason for diversion from the existing route.

5. The second justification for this application is that it would “ ... *improv(e) privacy and security for the landowner by moving the bridleway away from the house and outbuildings*”, and this would seem to be the crux of the matter. I understand the applicants’ wish to divert both these rights of way to avoid the current route between their house and farm buildings. However, they would have known the position when they purchased the property, particularly that the public highway itself runs for most of the length of this section, which it will continue to do whatever the outcome of the present application.


6. Security for any property in the country is always an issue, and I cannot see that in practice diverting the footpath and bridleway would make much difference, as any potential thief would not be deterred by this alone, particularly as the public highway will continue to run through the centre of the buildings on it to point C. I noticed there was not only some farm machinery on open display when I was there, but also a boat on a trailer in an open outbuilding, which seemed an invitation to anyone who might be that way inclined.

7. However, a possible compromise to “ ... *take account of a broad range of matters*” would be for the diversion to adopt the proposed route between points G – J, but, rather than continuing along the edge of the field to point K, turn off at the north-western entrance to Chantry Farm between points O and P which I have added to the map (marked in red). The practical advantage of this would be that a direct route past the house and farm buildings is avoided, thus benefitting the applicants and their security, while retaining the whole of the woodland stretch for walkers (obviously the bridleway would lose its initial stretch of woodland with such a diversion). More than that, the applicants would then be able to erect a stock-proof fence on their side of the new right of way between points O and P, and plant a native hedge to provide screening, thus giving physical and visual security from the north-west for their property. The more I looked at this, the more it seemed to make sense, and offer the opportunity of killing at least two proverbial birds with one stone. I would also add that, although perhaps not entirely clear on the map, on the ground this seems a very obvious and simple route for the diversion. The map shows the route between points J and K running some distance out from the eastern edge of the field, but in practice it runs much tighter to this, and alongside the curtilage of Chantry Farm and its buildings.

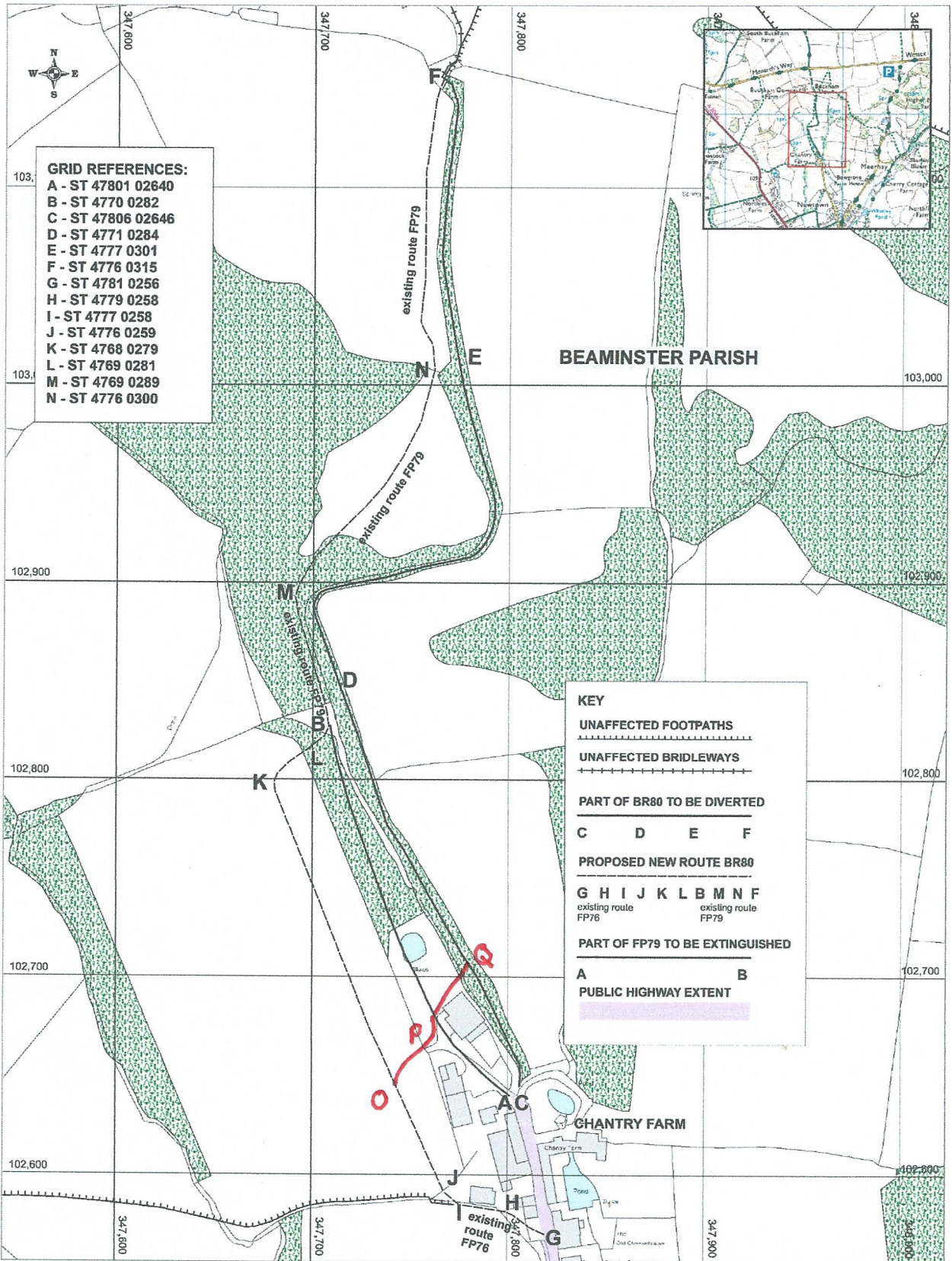
8. I would also suggest that, if this were to happen, the bridleway should in turn diverge from the footpath at point P, and track across to its present route, meeting up at point Q (again a fence and native hedging could provide security and screening along this section). The importance of this is that, for practical reasons, the bridleway and footpath should be kept separate, if possible, along the sections which are damp. If they were joined together for the whole route of the diversion, as the applicants propose, between points B and M, there would be a real risk of horses churning the ground up badly for walkers, thus achieving exactly the negative effect that is used as one justification for creating a diversion in the first place. Along the section from points

G to P, there wouldn't be a problem, and, if the bridleway diverged at point P, and joined up with its existing route at point Q, both would be kept separate, as probably originally intended, where they pass through damper areas.

9. As a *quid pro quo* for getting the rights of way diverted around their house and farm buildings, I trust the obligation of the applicants to keep the bridleway clear would be honoured, as I have already pointed out that at present it is inaccessible because the vegetation has been allowed to intrude into, and block, it. I would also mention that it is quite upsetting to see that a number of tree saplings, including some quite nice young oaks, have recently been cut, and used, apparently, to form a barrier across the existing footpath, presumably to discourage walkers; I understand these were only moved out of the way after intervention by the Dorset Council ranger. If the applicants are assisted by being given permission for a modified diversion, I would hope that they would shoulder their responsibilities as landowners, and maintain the right of others to use the footpath and bridleway without hindrance, as has presumably been the case for many hundreds of years up till now.


Netherbury

31st December 2022



SECTION 118, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 AND SECTION 119, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

APPLICATION TO EXTINGUISH PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER AND DIVERT PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80 BEAMINSTER AT CHANTRY FARM

THIS MAP IS NOT DEFINITIVE AND HAS NO LEGAL STATUS

Ref: P226/22/2
 Date: 29/11/2022
 Drawn by: CAM
 Scale: 1:1700 at A3
 Cent X: 347,783
 Cent Y: 102,874

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From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER

P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2023 12:40
To: [Carol McKay](#)
Subject: Re: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF
FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER

Dear Ms McKay

Thank you for your e-mail below, and for responding so promptly after your return to the office from the Christmas break. I understand, of course, that my comments will be open to public scrutiny, and would be grateful if you could keep me posted as to any future developments.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2023 08:49
To: carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil; Carol Mckay
Subject: Bridleway 80 chantry farm

I wish to express my dismay at the proposed changes to the public bridleway made by the land owner of Chantry Farm to the current bridleway, diverting the path through fields which get very boggy and wet and are not at all as pretty or pleasant to walk through as the current path, which was on the land when they purchased the property and which has been there from many, many years.

The property owner has sought for over a year to divert walkers and runners away from their land and onto a very wet, virtually impassable area.
As a runner and walker who enjoys the current walk this will decrease my enjoyment vastly.

The land owner seeks to have their own private estate at the end of Chantry Lane which will of course add value to their property when they can safely say that it is 'private land'.

When purchasing their property they were well aware of the bridleway through their property and what this entailed! To frustrate and upset walkers for their own gains is unfair, entitled and disrespectful.

Even our local celebrity, Mr Clunes has a bridleway through his land, which he does not seek to hamper or stop access to!

A better solution would of course be as was proposed to send walkers around the side of the out buildings, however this has been refused by the owners.

I strongly object to the proposal and ask that once and for all the matter is refused.

Best

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 05 January 2023 09:02
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Bridleway 80 chantry farm

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Please note that after the current consultation has ended the Council will discuss any representations received with the applicant, including any alternative proposals. If a revised proposal is agreed a further consultation will be carried out.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 December 2022 14:42
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Footpath 79 Beaminster

Dear Carol

Further to our conversation of today I am writing to object to the proposed closure of the above footpath and re routing.

Currently it goes through a lovely wooded area especially beautiful in Spring. It is well researched that being able to enjoy woodland benefits our mental health. There is no possible reason to close this.

I have no objection to the footpath avoiding the farm yard.

Many thanks.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 19 December 2022 14:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath 79 Beaminster

P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

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1 January 2022

Carol McKay
Definitive Map Team
Re: footpath 79 and Bridleway 80

Dear Carol,

I am writing regarding the Bridport News article re dividing the footpath, at the request of the landowner. I have enjoyed walking through the little woodland and stream for many years, and would not like to see any changes to this peaceful little area, with it continuing to be open for all.

In Beaminster, we have already lost public access to two lovely walks: many people used to enjoy

walking through Paraham Woods, until the previous owner closed public access. There is a nice walk/lake area which people had enjoyed using for years, until the new owner fenced it off, this area is between Two Rivers and White Street Hill.

I feel the closure of another area, would be another blow to us hikers and dog walkers.

I hope this letter reaches you in time with the postal strikes and public holidays.

Kind regards



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 December 2022 12:27
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Footpath 79

The extinguishment of foot path 79 from r7 - r3 and the proposed diverted route of bridleway 80 will spoil the enjoyment of the walk

Generations of my family have enjoyed this walk by the stream especially in spring when the wild flowers are out. I cannot see the necessity to reroute this path and deprive local people of this simple pleasure

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [Carol Mckay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath 79

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 30 December 2022 17:42
To: Carol Mckay
Subject: re proposed extinguishment and diversion of part of
Footpath 79, Beaminster

Dear Ms McKay,

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposal to extinguish part of Footpath 79, Beaminster, and to divert part of Bridleway 80, Beaminster, at Chantry Farm.

I wish to state that the proposal to divert Footpath 79 where it runs through a small woodland alongside a stream (from M southwards) would negatively impact a walk I very much enjoy. I would also add that it is precisely the section that is proposed to be diverted that brings the greatest pleasure in the walk.

I would also, if I may, query the proposal to "clear vegetation to 3 metres between points L - B - M - N", since, in my view, this would have a detrimental impact on both vegetation and soil structure and beneficial micro-organisms.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: re proposed extinguishment and diversion of part of Footpath 79, Beaminster

P226 CONSULTATION: PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER & PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80, BEAMINSTER

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 December 2022 21:35
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Ref CAM RW/P 266

I would object in principle. Ancient pathways are part of our heritage and should not be moved just for the benefit of the landowner. Each time a pathway is lost so is part of our history.

[REDACTED]
Resident of Bridport

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 19 December 2022 14:20
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref CAM RW/P 266

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 January 2023 10:33
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Holloway blocked

We all have favourite walks we do every few months. I believe you are co ordinating looking into the blocked public right of way. It is such a pity the the Holloway was blocked off on purpose and the owners of the property tried to make us all walk along the edge of a field. I have been walking there for years and it was only when the property changed hands that the footpath was blocked on purpose and diverted. It was always a joy to walk along by the brook and surely it is wrong of the new owners to turn this into their private garden. I hope the council will make sure the footpath is opened up once again for us the enjoy.

Yours [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Holloway blocked

Dear [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 December 2022 15:55
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Walk change at Chantry Farm CAM/RW P266

I object to this change of the footpath through the copse to into the field, as is a significant degradation of the experience of the walk, which is a valuable amenity to people living in the North of Beaminster.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Best Regards / Meilleures salutations / Mit freundlichen Grüßen / 此致
敬礼

[REDACTED] Office [REDACTED] (Preferred during working hours) Mobile [REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 14 December 2022 16:39
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Walk change at Chantry Farm CAM/RW P266

P236 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY CONSULTATION: PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATHS 79 & 92, WEYMOUTH

Dear [REDACTED]

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From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 14 December 2022 16:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Walk change at Chantry Farm CAM/RW P266

Dear [REDACTED]
My apologies, my earlier email to you should have been headed:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 December 2022 23:36
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Footpath-chantry lane

I am writing to acknowledge my thoughts on the application to change the footpath.
This would dramatically change the route that my family and I enjoy regularly so I object.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Carol Mckay](#)
Sent: 23 December 2022 09:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath-chantry lane

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 11 December 2022 15:35
To: Carol Mckay
Subject: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80

Dear Carol McKay

Thank you for your time on the telephone Thursday 8th December late morning.

Just to clarify some points in our conversation and to ask some further questions.

I am going to make comments in writing by 5th January 2023. Can these be in email form, or do you require paper copies ?

I would like to inspect the file at County Hall. I note that this is by prior appointment only, so am registering my interest.

If the case is brought before the committee, I would like to be informed of the details of that meeting and am registering my interest in speaking at the meeting.

There are notices posted North of the proposed diversion at point F and E and at point B. There are also notices at point A and C. There are no notices posted at point G or H. Point G is where the suggested diversion (there is an unofficial sign showing this diversion) is proposed to start. It is therefore unlikely that walkers will see the notices at points A and C as they are actively encouraged to bypass them on proposed route G-H-I-J-K. I have been stopped by the landowner on several occasions and requested to take the proposed diverted route. It would therefore seem reasonable to have notices posted at point G and H.

I am also concerned about the timing of this application in December when there are less walkers and the route, along with many other local footpaths, can be muddy after rain.

As mentioned on the phone, I am concerned that path B-A has been partially blocked by cutting trees and is not maintained. I reported this on the Dorset County website on 17th September 2022 and would refer you to Rights of Way Problem MNT57687. This has contributed to the current poor state of this part of the footpath.

I thought best to put these questions and concerns to you prior to my comments and in good time so that walkers have the best chance to view the notices.

Finally, is it possible to have the notices in electronic form ? I have tried to find them on the Dorset Council website but without success. If so, please could you forward to me at this email. markoppe@aol.com Thank you for your time and I would appreciate a response to say that you have received this email and your responses.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number or email below.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Mob: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From: Carol McKay
Sent: 12 December 2022 10:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80
Attachments: [P226-22-2.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

Please find attached the consultation documents as requested.

Please note that the reference to Footpath 76 in the following paragraphs should read Footpath 79:

"The current definitive route of Bridleway 80, Beaminster runs from point C generally north and north west through woodland to point D then north west, east north east and north north west to point E and generally north to its junction with Footpath 76, Beaminster at point F.

The proposed new route of Bridleway 80, Beaminster runs from point G at its junction with the public road, north west to point H, west north west to point I, north west through a wooded area to point J where it enters a field, north west through the field to point K, then north east to point L where it enters woodland then generally north east to point B and north north west to point M, generally north east across a field to point N then crossing into another field at point N and continuing to the unaffected part of Footpath 76 at point F. Part of the proposed new bridleway is existing footpath (between points G – H – I and B – M – N – F) and the diversion would have the effect of upgrading the status of these parts from footpath to bridleway."

I will respond to your queries later this week, but in the meantime would like to arrange a time for you to view the public file.

Tues 13 Dec, Wed 14, Dec, Thurs 15 Dec, Fri 16 Dec, Tues 20, Thurs 22, Fri 23 Dec should all be possible if you want to suggest a time.

If none of those dates are suitable please let me know when would be convenient after Christmas and I will do my best to arrange for someone to be in the office.

Kind Regards

Carol

Carol McKay

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Senior Definitive Map Technical Officer
Definitive Map Team

Economic Growth and Infrastructure

From: Carol Mckay
Sent: 15 December 2022 08:09
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our conversation on Tuesday, here are the answers to your queries.

Your consultation response can be made by email.

If the case is brought before committee you will be notified of the date and given details of how to register to speak (this cannot be done before the committee date is set).

With regards to the position of the site notices and the timing of the consultation, please note that that the pre-order consultation is not statutory so it is already an additional step that we carry out to allow members of the public and other consultees to comment on the proposal.

However, in view of the concerns regarding obstruction of the route, I will put up additional notices this week at points G and H as requested.

We consult on applications throughout the year and if requested we will extend the consultation period if more time is needed to comment.

I have asked my colleagues in the Greenspace Team to contact you regarding the obstructions that you reported.

Kind Regards

Carol

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 15 December 2022 12:33
To: Carol Mckay
Subject: Re: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80

Dear Carol

Thank you for your response. Also thank you for contacting the Greenspace Team, they have done a fantastic job in clearing the footpath.

Thank you also for agreeing to put up additional notices at G and H. Not actioned when I was there today but I'm sure will be this week. I will let you know if they don't appear.

I have been in contact with Beaminster Council and have requested that the proposal is discussed at the next Council Meeting, 3rd January. As this is close to the deadline for submissions, would it be possible to extend the deadline until later in January? Please let me know if possible.

I'm sorry to ask so many questions but I am try to navigate through unfamiliar territory.

When I made my report in September concerning the blocked footpath, I also asked about the Bridleway W21/80. This was marked as " under review " or " under investigation ", I can't recall the exact wording and didn't take a screen shot. It is now marked as " closed ". Please can you explain the process of closing the Bridleway and the consultation around the closure. I registered for updates but have never received any. When I looked through the file in your office, I cannot recall seeing any reference to comments made via the Dorset Council website either on the blockage of the footpath or the Bridleway. Is there a separate file for these ?

I would like to look at the file again, would Thursday 29th December be convenient at 13.00 ?

Thank you again for your help.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and your team the best for Christmas and a healthy, happy 2023.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Mob: [REDACTED]

From: Carol McKay
Sent: 16 December 2022 09:17
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your emails.

With regards to a site meeting, the usual protocol would be for the Council to arrange an informal (i.e. no agenda) meeting with the party who has requested to attend. From my experience the most productive meetings are with small groups, so I propose that the meeting is limited to myself, Vanessa Penny (Definitive Map Team Manager), Russell Goff and Mr and Mrs Hazlehurst. I will come back to you with some suggested dates for a meeting.

I will then extend the deadline for consultation responses so that you have time to respond after the site meeting. If Beaminster Town Council wish to further extend the deadline they will need to request this.

The file which you viewed relates only to the Public Path Order application and you have therefore already seen all correspondence on this matter.

All queries about obstructions or temporary closures on the footpath or bridleway need to be made to the Greenspace Team - please contact Russell Goff or Stuart Semple.

Kind Regards

Carol

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:21
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath 79 and Diversion of Bridleway 80
Attachments: [Proposed Extinguishment of Part of Footpath 79.docx](#)
[IMG_7046\(1\).jpg](#)

Dear Carol

Attached my comments to the Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath 79 and Diversion of Bridleway 80. I also attach an image of a proposed route which I feel would address the safety and security concerns of the landowners without denying access to the public to a pretty brookside / woodland walk.

I also think that Bridleway 80 should be rehabilitated and reopened to the public as opposed to changing its route. It is an ancient, " holloway " and should be preserved and available for the general public and community of Beaminster.

I previously emailed you this morning to apologise for the proposed delay to our site meeting. I would like to reserve the option, as previously discussed, to put in further comments after the site meeting which I hope can go ahead after 20th January, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please can you confirm that you have received and understand my submission and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

I am also interested in the next steps and if comments made by the public and other interested parties are available to view.

Thank you for your continued help and guidance in this matter.

yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Proposed Extinguishment of Part of Footpath 79, Beaminster

Proposed Diversion of Part of Bridleway 80, Beaminster

Natural England and the Highways Act 1980 state grounds for Extinguishment and Diversion of Public Paths broadly as expediency, convenience and public enjoyment of the path.

Quote from The Rights of Way Review Committee Practice Guidance Notes revised 2007, *Securing agreement to public path orders*:

“ Applicants for orders should bear in mind there must be good reason for wanting to make changes to the existing network. Public rights of way and private ownership should not be interfered with lightly. The “ do nothing “ option should always be evaluated alongside any proposals for change. It may prove to be the best option even though the existing situation may be inconvenient for the owner or inadequate for the user “

Bridleway 80

This is an ancient Holloway and connects with ROW 21/80 to Cheddington and Mosterton. It is the only route traveling north out of Beaminster up to Buckham Down that is not also a track used by motor vehicles. It is also separate from Footpath 79 as some of the route is on wet ground and it is important for walkers that it is not merged with a Bridleway C-F where horses can churn up the ground, as in the proposal. Although Bridleway 80 is marked as “ Closed “ on the Definitive Map, as it has not been maintained, diversion of part of this Bridleway through a field would substantially detract from the enjoyment of walking / riding in a tree lined Holloway. There is no guarantee that the field will not be used for livestock (both sheep and cattle) and / or crops, as it has in the past, which would detract from the enjoyment of the walk or ride and may provide a barrier to its use.

I would hope that both the landowner and Dorset Council will reopen this historic route in its entirety from C- F and that lack of maintenance does not become a reason for closure. This is a dangerous precedent if we are to keep our historic, natural spaces open to the public.

The routes proximity to Beaminster School, a short walk, could be a part of educating both school children and adults in the importance of maintaining our natural world.

Reopening this route would be of substantial benefit to Beaminster, both its local population and as an attraction to visitors that provide an economic benefit. Please see the following sites which promote these attractions in West Dorset.

<https://thedorsetrambler.com/2015/02/20/holloways-and-sunken-paths-the-mysterious-ancient-highways/>

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/holloways-of-dorset>

I can see no benefits in the proposed works to improve Bridleway 80, as in the application, over reopening the existing Bridleway and rehabilitating an historic route. See comments below for each proposal:

- Vegetation clearance between points I and J to 2 metres
Good idea for Footpath 79 if the proposed compromise (see below) is accepted
- Barbed wire to be removed from posts at point L
Unnecesary if A-B is not extinguished and Bridleway 80 rehabilitated
- Surface improvements to be carried out at point L
Unnecesary if A-B is not extinguished and Bridleway 80 rehabilitated
- Culvert at point B to be widened to 3 metres with parapets
Unnecesary if A-B is not extinguished and Bridleway 80 rehabilitated
- Stile north of point B to be removed
Good idea for Footpath 79 if the proposed compromise is accepted or the stile could be rehabilitated
- Vegetation clearance to 3 metres between points L – B – M – N
Unnecesary and environmentally unfriendly if existing Bridleway 80 is rehabilitated
- Bridle gate to BS5719:2018 with long handle suitable for equestrian use to be installed at point N
Unnecesary if existing Bridleway 80 is rehabilitated

Footpath 79

The proposed extinguishment of the section A-B would substantially detract from the enjoyment of the route. The existing route A-B is a delightful brookside / woodland walk. It is especially enjoyable in the spring with wild garlic and bluebells. It is also an unusual, perhaps unique, setting for a walk in Beaminster, where many walks are either on tracks or in fields. The proposed new route is through a field, which has been used for livestock, both sheep and cattle, and crops in the past. Although I understand that the landowner has no plans for this use in the future, there is no guarantee and circumstances may change.

The Landowner's Concerns

The current route is no more boggy or impassable (and far less) than many other public footpaths. If this is a reason for extinguishment, I fear we will have very few public footpaths available in West Dorset.

I don't have the statistics for crime in the area but living here I have always found it to be relatively crime free. I understand that the Landowner has concerns and has reported some crimes to the local police. It would be useful to evaluate these concerns (Crime Numbers) and the police recommendations to combat them. I would have thought that CCTV and putting doors on open barns that house expensive equipment would be a more effective deterrent than diverting a footpath. I also note that on the Definitive Map the route G-C in purple is a Public Highway Extent.

Unless the Landowners intention is to bring that into private ownership, diverting the Footpath will not prevent public access to the farmyard.

A possible compromise and solution

If the Footpath was diverted through the field at the back of the farm buildings G-H-I-J but then re-joined the existing Footpath just North of the farm buildings, the public could still enjoy the woodland / brookside walk whilst avoiding walking through the farmyard. There is currently a gate here. The landowner could plant a hedge to screen the farm buildings from the Footpath so ensuring the privacy of their farmyard.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:40
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath 79 and Diversion of Bridleway 80

Carol

Sorry I hadn't properly read the end of your document.

I understand comments are public information.

I would like to be informed of details of a Committee meeting, should one take place and would like to be allowed limited access to that meeting.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Mob: [REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 3 January 2023 at 16:21:19 GMT
To: carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath 79 and Diversion of Bridleway 80
Reply-To: [REDACTED]

Dear Carol

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Thank you for your continued help and guidance in this matter.

yours sincerely

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From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:45
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath 79 and
Diversion of Bridleway 80

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With regards to the site meeting, if you are unable to meet with Mr and Mrs Hazlehurst this week (see my email to you earlier this afternoon), I will arrange a meeting after 20th January.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 December 2022 16:22
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Diversion of a footpath and closure of a bridleway

Dear Ms McKay,

I would like to object to the recent application as set out below:

The new owners of Chantry Farm DT8 3SB have submitted an application to divert part of the public footpath which runs north of their property. The change proposed will stop public access to a charming brookside walk. The proposal will also close permanently a separate Bridleway.

I do really get annoyed when new owners of properties arrive into a well-established area and immediately want to change things. You hear of people moving to a house and then deciding that the church who's bell has chimed for hundreds of years should be made silent just because it bothers the new arrivals.

These new people at Chantry Farm probably insisted on a reduction on the price when purchasing because of " the same public footpath and bridleway".

Bridleways are a key part of rural life and essential for the safe riding spaces for horse woman and men. A brookside path in a beautiful part of the world should not be taken away because of incomers, just because they say so. If they didn't like it, they should have moved somewhere else. I love this walk and enjoy it often with my dogs whilst visiting Beaminster where my wife and I use the town services.

Thank you and best regards

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From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 14 December 2022 16:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Diversion of a footpath and closure of a
bridleway

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 December 2022 13:03
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: APPLICATION TO EXTINGUISH PART OF FOOTPATH 79
AND DIVERT PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80

Dear Carol

I am an active member of both Beaminster Ramblers & West Dorset Ramblers. I oppose the above application as this would make the enjoyment of the walk less enjoyable as the woodland / brookside is a special section of the walk. The landowner would then have private and sole access to the wood for themselves, their friends and family, denying the public of their right

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 19 December 2022 14:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: APPLICATION TO EXTINGUISH PART OF FOOTPATH 79 AND DIVERT PART OF BRIDLEWAY 80

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 December 2022 18:39
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Proposed diversion of 79/80

Dear Carol

The above proposals ref P226/22/2 have come to my attention.
I do not see any imperative to change these public rights of way that have existed for time immemorial. Therefore I object.

The footpath in particular is a very ancient route ascending the downs and any alterations are to the detriment of our local history. In addition, I gain great pleasure from the current route which contains a great diversity of indigenous flora. The pretty stream is one of the many that forms the River Brit in town.

Yours

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposed diversion of 79/80

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent:

19 December 2022 13:38

To:

[Carol Mckay](#)

Subject:

Beamminster footpath alterations. Near chantry farm .

Hi.

I have looked at some proposed changes to a footpath walk. Can I say I object to what is proposed. Maybe planning can look again at keeping the wood in the path.

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

Sent via BT Email App

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 19 December 2022 14:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Beaminster footpath alterations. Near chantry farm .

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2023 10:08
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80 in Beaminster

Dear Ms. McKay,

I am writing to express my opposition to the closure of Footpath 79' and 'Bridleway 80' located at Chantry Farm in Beaminster. As a local, living across the valley, I walk through these delightful woods at least twice weekly. I feel that the proposed diversion through a nearby field would greatly reduce the enjoyment of this walk at all times of year.

I very much hope that you will take these concerns on board.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 04 January 2023 11:12
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80 in Beaminster

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2023 16:01
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Footpath #79 beaminster & Divert part of bridleway #80

Hi Carol and happy New Year,

I live at number [REDACTED] in Beaminster and am a dog owner, I would like to object to the above application to extinguish part of the footpath up by Chantry farm.

I'm sure a compromise can be reached that would be favourable to both land owners and walkers.

My suggestion would be to relocate the current footpath to go around the outbuildings which are to the left of the farm house (avoiding the farm courtyard) and enter the wooded area taking in the lovely brook at the existing site. This would give the land owners the privacy and security they are asking for and also allow walkers to continue to enjoy this wonderful walk, that for me is on my doorstep.

I don't understand the big detour suggested and I feel this would lessen the enjoyment of this walk as it changes with the each season as is really quite beautiful.

Thank you for your time

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 05 January 2023 16:20
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Footpath #79 beaminster & Divert part of
bridleway #80

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2023 17:12
To: [Definitive Map Team](#); [Customer Services](#)
Cc: [Cllr. Rebecca Knox](#)
Subject: Beaminster: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80

The Definitive Map Team
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I am responding to the current consultation over proposed changes to Public Rights of Way at Chantry Farm, Beaminster and referred to as Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80.

I wish to OBJECT to the proposal to extinguish, divert or reclassify all or part of Footpath 79 for the following reasons:

1. You are proposing to apply provisions of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish the footpath and re-provide it along the new (as proposed) route of the diverted Bridleway 80. This is beyond the provisions of the Act which enable you to extinguish and re-provide only along an existing alternative right-of-way. As the diverted Bridleway 80 does not at present exist you may not use these powers to remove the current route of Footpath 29 to

the non-existent route of Bridleway 80. Also, you may not argue that the Order will not be made until the new route of Bridleway 80 has been provided as its very provision, including the standard of surface provided, will be of material consideration to any proposal to extinguish and re-route Footpath 79 rendering the current consultation inappropriate.

2. You are wrong to conflate the extinguishment of Footpath 79 with the diversion of Bridleway 80. These are quite separate rights of way which serve quite separate purposes and which should be subject to quite separate considerations. The footpath is used exclusively by pedestrians whereas the bridleway may also be used by horseriders and cyclists. Bridleway 80 is currently not passable and therefore potential users may well support proposals for the diverted route. Footpath 79 is well used by walkers who may value its current route.

3. The proposed route for Footpath 79 is less commodious for the public. The proposed route is longer, more exposed and affords a less attractive environment than the current route which allows walkers to stroll within a green canopy and close to a stream. The proposal cuts across a field which will become a potential source of conflict between users of the re-provided footpath and livestock.

4. The proposed route takes no account of the historic significance of the existing route being adjacent to the ancient route from Beaminster Town to Buckham Downs and on to South Perrot. Chantry Farm was deliberately built to be on both sides of this important route and this farm layout is important to the heritage of the area.

5. The proposals present no positive reasons at all to extinguish, re-route and/or reclassify Footpath 79 and therefore have no merit and should be dismissed.

As regards the diversion of Bridleway 80, I can appreciate that this may be of benefit to users, given the present parlous state of the existing route. However, the proposals again ignore the historical significance of the existing route. The correct course of action will be to repair the existing route of the bridleway.

I trust that you will reject the proposals regarding Footpath 79.

Thank you

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

P.S. I was surprised and disappointed to find no reference to this consultation on the Dorset Council website and also not to be able to contact anyone in the Definitive Map Team by telephone.

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 05 January 2023 17:32
To: [REDACTED] [Customer Services](#)
Cc: [Cllr. Rebecca Knox](#)
Subject: RE: Beaminster: Footpath 79 and Bridleway 80

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Please note that Public Path Order consultations are not available on Dorset Council's website although legal orders are published on the following page
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/countryside-coast-parks/rights-of-way/definitive-map-and-statement/current-definitive-map-modification-orders-and-public-path-orders>

Members of the Definitive Map Team are usually available during office hours Monday – Friday and can be reached by calling the main Dorset Council telephone number 01305 221000 and asking for a member of the team. If no one is available a call back can usually be expected the same day.

I have not received any call back requests or missed calls this week. My direct line is below.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 December 2022 16:52
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Extinguishment of footpath 79 and diversion of bridle path 80, Chantry farm, Beaminster

Dear Ms Carol Mckay,

Re: Extinguishment of footpath79 and diversion of bridle path 80, Chantry Farm, Beaminster

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed extinguishment of footpath 79 and diversion of bridle path 80 at Chantry Farm near Beaminster. I believe that this will seriously compromise the public and our enjoyment of this exceptional walk through an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Yours sincerely

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:11
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Extinguishment of footpath 79 and diversion of
bridle path 80, Chantry farm, Beaminster

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Sent: 30 December 2022 16:52
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 December 2022 10:00
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Proposed diversion of Bridleway 80 and Footpath 79
Beaminster

Dear Ms McKay

I have seen the notice concerning the above. I would be grateful if you would send me an electronic copy of this notice as it is difficult to read it when it is pinned to a tree. This will enable me to review it carefully and send you comments.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
Mobile: *UK:* [REDACTED]

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 12 December 2022 09:31
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposed diversion of Bridleway 80 and Footpath 79 Beaminster
Attachments: [P226-22-2.pdf](#)

Please see attached consultation documents relating to the above proposed extinguishment of part of Footpath 79 and diversion of part of Bridleway 80, Beaminster at Chantry Farm as requested.

Please note that the reference to Footpath 76 in the following paragraphs should read Footpath 79:

*The current definitive route of Bridleway 80, Beaminster runs from point C generally north and north west through woodland to point D then north west, east north east and north north west to point E and generally north to its junction with **Footpath 76**, Beaminster at point F.*

*The proposed new route of Bridleway 80, Beaminster runs from point G at its junction with the public road, north west to point H, west north west to point I, north west through a wooded area to point J where it enters a field, north west through the field to point K, then north east to point L where it enters woodland then generally north east to point B and north north west to point M, generally north east across a field to point N then crossing into another field at point N and continuing to the unaffected part of **Footpath 76** at point F. Part of the proposed new bridleway is existing footpath (between points G – H – I and B – M – N – F) and the diversion would have the effect of upgrading the status of these parts from footpath to bridleway.*

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2023 11:36
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79,
BEAMINSTER AND BRIDLEWAY 80.
Attachments: [Chantry Lane Footpath.docx](#)

Dear Ms McKay

Thank you for sending me an electronic copy of the above notice. I attach my comments on this submission I would be grateful if you would confirm receipt.

Please let me know if you require them in hard copy as well as electronically.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mobile: UK:

[REDACTED]

I object to the proposed extinguishment of part of FOOTPATH 79 and proposed diversion of BRIDLEWAY 80.

1. The proposed new route of Footpath 79 will *significantly* impact on public enjoyment of this route, changing it from a unique stream-side walk to a field based walk.
2. The proposed diversion of Bridleway 80 will make the footpath *significantly more hazardous and difficult for the public, the opposite of what is claimed in the notice*. Also it will cause damage to trees and hedgerows as the horses will be diverted onto an extremely narrow pathway.
3. The diversion of Bridleway 80 will also mean the ***loss of a unique Hollow Way*** of which there are no other examples in Beaminster.
4. It is my understanding that the tree planting by the stream may have been supported by the Millenium Project Funds so should be retained as a public amenity.
5. FINALLY I WOULD NOTE THAT A COMPROMISE HAS BEEN PUT TO THE LANDOWNERS WHICH WOULD ADDRESS THEIR SECURITY CONCERNS WHILST ENABLING THE CITIZENS OF BEAMINSTER AND VISITORS TO ENJOY THIS DELIGHTFUL STREAM SIDE WALK and HOLLOW WAY. *They have refused to contemplate this or give any reason why it is not acceptable to them which implies they are trying to annex this unique woodland stream walk for their sole enjoyment.*

DETAILS

The two routes affected by this notice provide unique experiences for walkers and riders in Beaminster. Bridleway 80 is an ancient Hollow Way of which there is no other in Beaminster. The existing route of Footpath 79 is through a Millenium Project funded wood running by a stream providing a flora and fauna environment which provides great pleasure and is unique to walkers in the immediate area.

The proposed alternative walk through a field will significantly impact on the character and therefore enjoyment of the public using this route.

The submission notes that the Bridleway 80 is impassable. This is solely due to the failure of the previous and current landowners to keep it cleared. The Bridleway passes through a hollow way which is unique in Beaminster. To allow a Bridleway to be closed because the landowners have failed to maintain the access would set a very dangerous precedent for people's rights to roam in the countryside.

The notice states the current footpath route may be impassable due to wet and boggy ground. This is not the case, the ground is no more boggy than other parts of the route and many other walks around the area. Again allowing Landowners to divert a route because it is boggy sets a dangerous precedent.

The notice proposes to combine the Bridleway 80 with Footpath 79, This should be strongly resisted as the horses would then come through what is a lovely water meadow between N and M and create a hazard for walkers by churning up the ground at M to K. They would also likely damage existing trees and hedgerow between M and B part of the route which is very narrow.

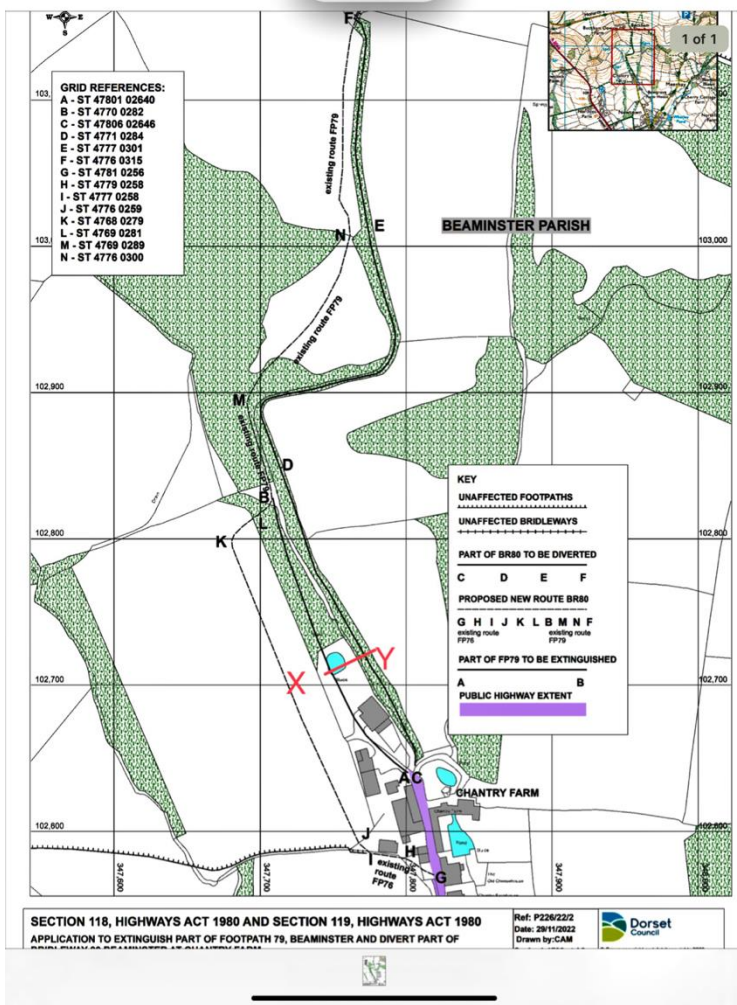
The notice cites security concerns of the landowners. However there is no evidence that the security situation at Chantry Farm has deteriorated since the current owners purchased the property a little over 2 years ago, when they had full knowledge of the existing footpath. Also points G to C on the plan is a public highway not a footpath so would continue to be available for public use.

Finally there is a clear and simple compromise which would address the landowners security concerns and allow both the Bridleway and Footpath to continue on their separate and existing routes. This would be to put a gate into the field adjacent to where the bridleway and the footpath emerge from the woods which I have shown as POINT X on the attached plan.

This would then enable all walkers and riders to be routed through the bottom quarter of the field avoiding all farm buildings. The landowners could make this even more secure by planting a hedge between point X and point Y on the map. A more environmentally friendly solution than widening the Culvert at point B.

I therefore urge you to reject the existing plan. To recommend the alternative diversion and to instruct the landowners to clear the bridleway so that it can be used again.

I hope that these points will be given due consideration in your discussion of this proposal.



From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF FOOTPATH 79, BEAMINSTER AND BRIDLEWAY 80.

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Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:37
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Re: PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF FOOTPATH
79, BEAMINSTER AND BRIDLEWAY 80.

Dear Carol

Thank you for getting back to me and fully understood. May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mobile: *UK:* [REDACTED]

From: [Customer Services](#)
Sent: 28 December 2022 09:40
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: FW: Attention Carol McKay (Emails keep rebounding)

FYA

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 25 December 2022 19:13
To: Customer Services <customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Attention Carol McKay (Emails keep rebounding)

CAM RW/P226
carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.guv.uk

Dear m/s Mckay

I am writing against the proposed deletion of a section the footpath as it only for privacy.

In discussions with an elderly local resident who has lived in Beaminster all his life about the proposed alterations to the footpath and bridleway he implied that the field that contains the footpath from point B to point N was once a common, if this is true then the bridleway may be the site of an ancient drove to the common. If this the case then the bridleway should be preserved and returned to good order for public use.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Beaminster resident

Ps: The local resident does not wish to be identified.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Carol McKay](#)
Sent: 03 January 2023 16:01
To: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2023 21:38
To: [Carol Mckay](#)
Subject: Re: Attention Carol McKay (Emails keep rebounding)

Re footpath 79 and bridleway 80

Hi

Tonight I have watched the Beaminster town council meeting on Facebook. During the conversations I realised that a lot of the proposal is about privacy and security, can i point out that the public access road passes through Chantry farm and finishes just past the last dwelling. This means that the public will still be able to pass through to the end of the road in so defeating the whole reason for diverting both the bridleway and footpath.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPad

On 3 Jan 2023, at 16:00, Carol Mckay <carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

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