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Dear Madam

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 119**  
**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 - SECTION 53**  
**DORSET COUNCIL**  
**(Part of Bridleway 80, Beaminster at Chantry Farm) Public Path Diversion Order 2023**

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to refer to your e-mail of 22 August 2023 requesting dispensation concerning the service of notice on owners and occupiers in respect of the above.

It is noted that, despite your extensive enquiries, you have not been able to ascertain the ownership of the land in question. In these circumstances and in accordance with paragraph 1 (3C) of Schedule 6 Part 1 to the Highways Act 1980 and paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Secretary of State hereby directs that it is not necessary for your Council to serve notice on the owners and occupiers of the land over which the Order's route runs as set out in 1(3)(b)(i) and 3(2)(b)(i). Your Council's attention is drawn to the requirements in paragraph 1 (3C) and paragraph 3(4) regarding the manner in which the notice should be addressed and displayed.

Should the above Order be submitted to the Secretary of State for determination in the future would you please ensure that a copy of this letter is enclosed with the necessary documentation.

Yours faithfully

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