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Your Ref: Our Ref: ROW/3363197

Ms Rebecca Buck Dorset Council Legal and Democratic Services County Hall, Colliton Park Dorchester DT1 1XY

28 March 2025

Dear Ms Rebecca Buck,

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53 Order Making Authority: Dorset County Council (pre Mar 2019) Title of Order: Dorset Council (Part of Bridleway 18, Chideock at Mill Lane To be upgraded to Restricted Byway)Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2019

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2025 submitting the above mentioned Order.

I will be the case officer for this Order and can be contacted on the above telephone number should you have any queries. The Order and submitted documents are now being checked to ensure that we have all that is required to proceed. We will also consider whether it will be necessary to hold a hearing or local public inquiry to determine the Order. Alternatively, if we think it appropriate, we may offer the written representations procedure.

When this examination has been completed and we have decided how to proceed I will write to you again. If you have not heard from us within 9 weeks of the date of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Can you please keep any landowner informed of the progress of the Order at all stages.

As per paragraph 29 (1) of The Rights of Way (Hearings and Inquiries Procedure)(England) Rules 2007[1], please ensure the following documents are placed on public deposit with immediate effect:

- copy of the Order as submitted;
- any representations or objections duly made and not withdrawn; and
- any other relevant documents[2].

In due course the following documents must also be placed on deposit:

- the notice issued by the Secretary of State setting out the 'start date';
- all statements of case;
- all proofs of evidence (if applicable); and
- any other documents submitted in relation to this Order.

I will be writing to the objectors/representors to advise them that the above documents will be available for viewing at your Council's offices. Therefore, I would ask your Council to meet with any subsequent request to view any of these documents.

[1] And also paragraph 14.1 of the Procedure for Written Representations

[2] In our view this can be taken to refer to all the documents contained in your submission to the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Wilton

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