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Dear Sirs

Order Ref ROW/3209564

I am writing to comment on the above decision which has been made following the inquiry at the Holiday Inn Swindon Wiltshire dated 13th November 2019.

The whole purpose of the inquiry was threefold: -

1. To block up the perceived permissive path between numbers 3 and 4 Suters Lane
2. To give residents a way of walking around the bad bends on The Marsh via a suitable footpath
3. Remove the permissive perceived path through Honeyfield farm

Essentially agreement could not be reached between the various parties, so justice was sought through the planning inspectorate, the proposed decision is flawed as it does not give anyone what they want.

In order to prevent another pointless inquiry, the residents (Wanborough Parish Council, the residents of Suters Lane, and the owners of Honeyfield farm) have all joined together and after detailed discussions, agreed to a plan which suits all parties. The plan is as follows: -

The freehold of the land between points H and D on the attached plan will be transferred to Wanborough Parish Council by the owners (Messrs Mapson) Agreement has been reached on this and the matter is in the hands of respective lawyers. A fenced permissive path will then be created between points H and G, Allowing access from the Marsh to footpath 25, this will allow anyone to walk from the Marsh up to footpath 25 thereby avoiding the dangerous bends.

In addition to this the existing footpath which runs between points Z and Y on the attached plan will be improved by Wanborough Council and "Kissing Gates" will be installed to facilitate easy access, this will mean that all residents who live along the Marsh past point Z will be able to safely walk either into Wanborough village or to the Cross Keys pub without having to walk around the bad bends, obviously if they choose to do so they can take the route highlighted above.

The above action means that there is no need for any of the proposed diversion as everyone's wishes are catered for as people who are walking from the direction of Wrightsbridge and Marsh Bungalow will simply use the existing footpath 25 route as will people walking from the direction of Honeyfield Farm.

Furthermore, it removes the need for the pointless footpath between points F and E as proposed by the inspector and the path between points A and C which are not needed.

This solution has been agreed with all parties and represents a simple and pragmatic solution which satisfies everyone, furthermore it means that Wanborough Parish Council will not have to maintain a long footpath that no one will use.

It should be remembered that in these times of austerity public money would be better spent on improving existing rights of way than spending tens of thousand of pounds on completely pointless public inquiries when local people can resolve issues by discussion, after all this proposal has been agreed with Wanborough Parish Council who are the elected representatives of the local population.

We believe that this option is the way forward and will be presenting it to Swindon Council as quickly as possible to prevent further pointless and extremely costly appeals.

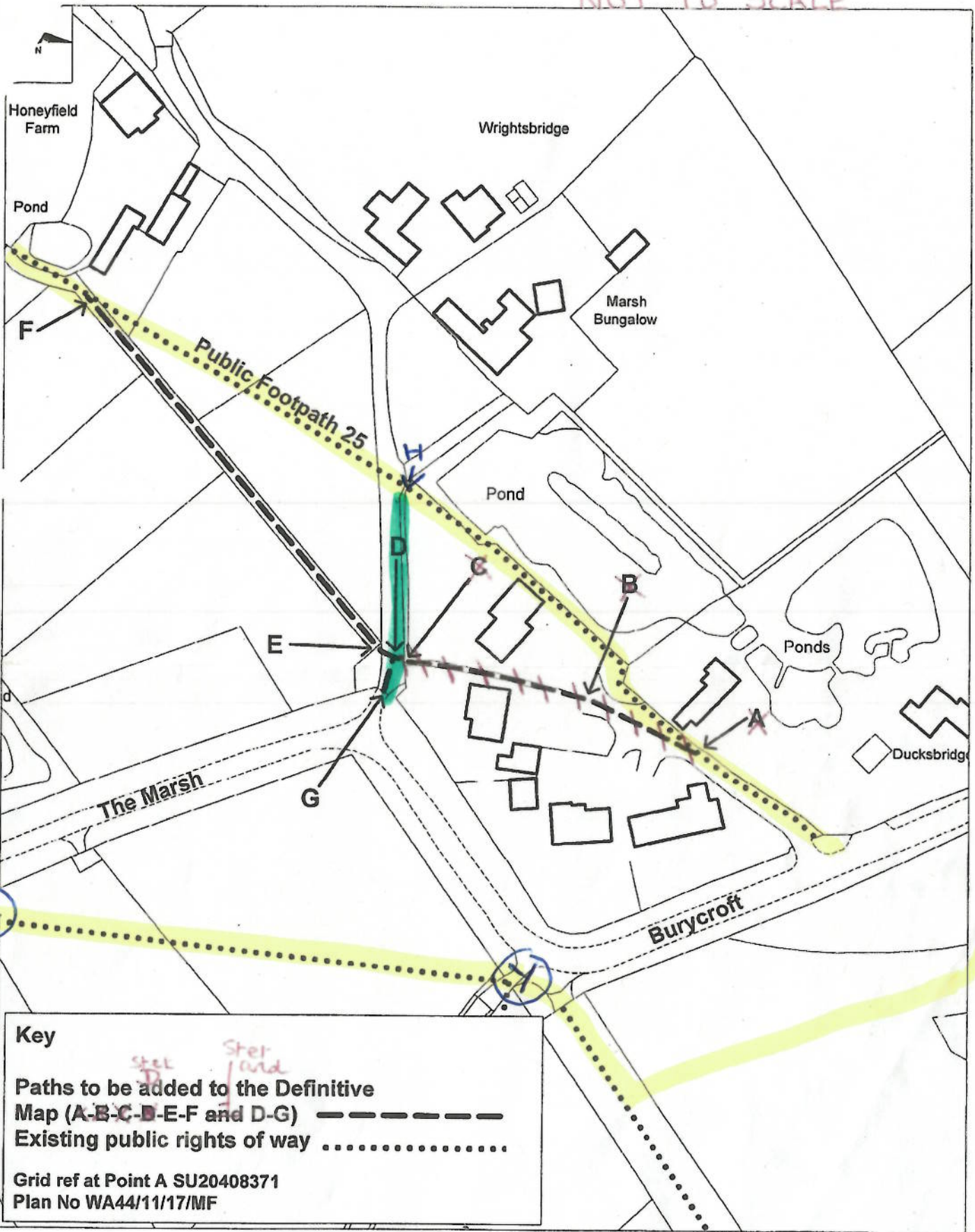
Wanborough Parish Council are currently trying to arrange a meeting with Swindon Council to propose the above solution ,unfortunately I am away in Australia for a month so I will only be available by email on swindonowl58@gmail.com ,I would however like to be kept informed of any developments

Yours Sincerely



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