

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53

Notice is hereby given that the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Highworth Rural District Definitive Map and Statement; Footpath 44 Wanborough Modification Order 2017

and will attend at:

Hawksworth Hall, STEAM, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon SN2 2EY

On Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 10.00am

To hold a public local inquiry into the Order

The appointed Inspector will also open the public Inquiry as a virtual event on **Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 10.00am**

Anyone wishing to attend the Inquiry virtually must register that interest with Mr Martin Fry at the Council as soon as possible prior to the Inquiry, **but no later than 5pm on Friday 26 November 2021**, either by email mfry@swindon.gov.uk or by telephone – 01793 466382.

To take part using video, participants will need to have access to Microsoft Teams (via an app or web browser). The link <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/welcome-to-microsoft-teams-b98d533f-118e-4bae-bf44-3df2470c2b12> gives further information on how to use this. Alternatively, you can take part by telephone. Registered participants will receive individual joining instructions, providing details of any requirements, guidance and support, whether joining by Teams or telephone.

To re-open the public inquiry held on 23/24 July 2019 and 13 November 2019 to hear new evidence into the unmodified part of the Order and, concurrently, hold a public local inquiry into the Inspector's proposed modification to the Order as contained in her letter dated 29 November 2019.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed as made, would be to modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding to them:

1. The footpath as shown on the order map from Point A at Public Footpath 25 Wanborough, at OS grid reference SU20408371 to Point F at Public Footpath 25 Wanborough at OS grid reference SU20268382.

2. The footpath as shown on the order map from Point G at The Marsh, Wanborough, at OS grid reference SU20338372 to Point D at the above footpath at OS grid reference SU20338372.

The effect of the proposed modification would be to modify the Order by providing for the following modification:-

- From the Order and the Order plan, delete all reference to the route shown between Points A-B-C-D

Please note matters of safety, need and/or desire for an agreement are not matters that can be taken into account in relation to an Order of this type. The Inspector can only consider whether the action of the relevant landowners and users has led to a right of way being established on the land in question.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by accessing them via the website at www.swindon.gov.uk/publicpathorders. If there are any queries, please contact Mr Martin Fry on Telephone Number 01793 466382 or by Email: mfry@swindon.gov.uk

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