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Dear Sirs

Title of Order: (Bridleway 8 (part), Cheselbourne and Bridleway 18, Dewlish to be upgraded to Byways Open to All Traffic) Definitive Map and Statement Modification

Piddle Valley Parish Council objects to the above Order to modify the definitive and statement for the area by upgrading Bridleway 8 (part) in the parish of Cheselbourne and Bridleway 18 in the parish of Dewlish to Byways Open to All Traffic. We understand that evidence considered to support of the application for the modification order includes:

- o Extract of Cheselbourne Inclosure Award and Plan of 1844
- o Extract of Dewlish Inclosure Award and Plan of 1819
- o Extract of Piddlehinton Inclosure Award and Plan of 1835
- o Extract of Piddletrenthide Inclosure Award and Plan of 1835

Given that these plans significantly pre-date the regular use of motor vehicles (the first car was patented January 29th 1886), we are concerned that the decision to upgrade the route to a Byway Open to All Traffic is inconsistent with its use at the time of the relevant evidence.

Piddle Valley Parish Council would consider an upgrade to Restricted byway would be more consistent with supporting evidence.

With regards

Samantha Paulley

Clerk