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Dear Sirs

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

County of Dorset Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way

**Dorset Council (A Byway Open to All Traffic, Batcombe and Leigh at Bailey Drove)
Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2021 ("the Order")**

This is the Council's submission letter in relation to the Order.

The Order was made by Dorset Council on 12 March 2021 and advertised on 1 April 2021. Two objections were received. The Council requests that an Inspector considers the Order for confirmation. The Council are supporting confirmation of the Order.

Please find enclosed:

DOCUMENT	Doc. Ref.
Signed/sealed order in duplicate.	1
Three copies of the order and associated maps.	2
Extract from the definitive map.	3
Statement of Case on which it is considered the order should be confirmed.	4
Representations and objections to the order (including supporters), along with a covering list of their names.	5
Statement containing the OMA's comments on the objections.	6
Copy of the notice publicising the order together with a copy of newspaper cutting(s).	7

Certificate that, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, notices have been published, served and posted on site and at the local offices.	8
Certificate that the necessary consultations have been carried out (other local authorities and statutory undertakers).	9
Copies of any consultation replies and the responses by the OMA.	10
Name and address of every person notified under paragraph 3(2)(b)(i), (ii) and (iv) of Schedule 15 to the 1981 Act.	11
Location map to enable the Inspector to locate the site.	12
Health and Safety Questionnaire	13
Dispensation Letter	14

A year planner showing availability for a public inquiry is not enclosed but can be provided if the Inspectorate considers that a public inquiry is required. The Council consider that the Order should be considered by written representation.

The land affected by the Order is unregistered and dispensation was received from the Secretary of State (Document Ref 14). Owners of land adjoining the Order Route, Mr and Mrs O'Hara of Deansbrook Farm, claim to own part of the Order Route but have not submitted any supporting evidence to validate this assertion.

The application was originally made by the Friends of Dorset Rights of Way (FoDRoW), Mr J Steward, Dairy Barn, Coombe Keynes, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5PS. The Trail Riders Fellowship have now assumed the position of applicant and are represented by:

- Mr C Wiles TRF, New Bungalow, Lower Rd, Stalbridge, Dorset DT10 2NL;
- Mr J Vannuffel, TRF, john.v@trf.org.uk; and
- Brain Chase Coles Solicitors, 20/24 Wote St, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 7NL

Please note that Mr David Oickle of the TRF, who was actively involved with this matter, passed away in January 2022. I have removed his details from the up-to-date contact list.

I hereby undertake that, if confirmed, notice will be duly published and served; or if not confirmed notice will be duly served.

Documents relating to the order will be made available for public inspection online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/countryside-coast-parks/rights-of-way/definitive-map-and-statement/orders-with-the-secretary-of-state-for-determination>

A paper copy will also be available at the offices of Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ during normal office hours.

Yours sincerely

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