



**Dorset  
Council**

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18 JUNE 2026

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**Public Path Diversion  
and  
Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order**

**Highways Act 1980  
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

**Dorset Council (Part of Footpath 11, Puncknowle)  
Public Path Diversion Order 2026**

This Order is made by Dorset Council ("the authority") under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") because it appears to the authority that in the interests of the owners of the land crossed by the footpath described in paragraph 1 of this Order it is expedient that the line of the path should be diverted.

This Order is also made under section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") because it appears to the authority that the County of Dorset definitive map and statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(a)(i) of the 1981 Act, namely, the diversion (as authorised by this Order) of a highway shown or required to be shown in the map and statement.

Neil Gauden has agreed to defray any compensation which becomes payable in consequence of the coming into force of this Order and any expenses which are incurred in bringing the new site of the path into a fit condition for use by the public which are in excess of the fixed amount which CG Fry & Son have agreed to pay.

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council has been consulted as required by section 120(2) of the 1980 Act.

**BY THIS ORDER:**

1. The public right of way over the land situate at Puncknowle parish and shown by a bold continuous line on the map contained in this Order and described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order shall be stopped up after 7 days from the date of confirmation of this Order or on the date which Dorset Council certify that work has been carried out to bring the site of the new highway mentioned in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order into a fit condition for use by the public, whichever is the later and thereupon the County of Dorset definitive map shall be modified by deleting from it that public right of way.
2. Notwithstanding this Order, where immediately before the date on which the path is diverted in pursuance of this Order, there is apparatus under, in, on, over, along or across the path belonging to the statutory undertakers for the purpose of carrying out their undertaking then such undertakers shall continue to have the same rights in respect of their apparatus as they would have had if this Order had never been made.
3. There shall at the end of 7 days from the date of confirmation of this Order be a public footpath over the land situate at Puncknowle parish described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order and shown by a bold broken line on the map

contained in this Order and thereupon the County of Dorset definitive map shall be modified by adding that path to it.

4. The rights conferred on the public under this Order shall be subject to the limitations and conditions set out in Part 3 of the Schedule to this Order
5. The County of Dorset definitive statement shall be modified as described in Part 4 of the Schedule to this Order.

## **SCHEDULE**

(The points specified relate to the map attached to the Order and their positions are identified by national grid references)

### **Part 1**

#### **Description of site of existing path**

##### **Footpath 11, Puncknowle:**

A – B From point A (SY 5376 8849) generally southeast through the gardens of 9, 8 and 7 Springfield into a field and continuing southeast to point B (SY 5382 8842). (No recorded width)

### **Part 2**

#### **Description of site of new path**

##### **Footpath 11, Puncknowle:**

A – C – D From point A (SY 5376 8849) southeast to point C (SY 5376 8848), where it enters a field then southeast to point D (SY 5379 8843), then east southeast, crossing into a second field and continuing east southeast to point B (SY 5382 8842). Width – 2 metres except at point C (SY 5376 8848), 1.1 metre pedestrian gate to BS5709:2018

### **Part 3**

#### **Limitations and Conditions**

To BS5709:2018:

Point C (SY 5376 8848) 1.1 metre Pedestrian gate

### **Part 4**

#### **Modification of Definitive Statement**

##### **Variation of particulars of path**

##### **Footpath 11, Puncknowle:**

##### **Delete:**

From: 537885 To: 545882

Clay Lane near Post Office via 'The Drives' to join Path No 10

##### **Add:**

From: 537885 To: 545882

Clay Lane near Post Office to SY 5376 8849 southeast to SY 5376 8848, where it enters a field then southeast to SY 5379 8843, then east southeast, crossing into a second field and continuing east southeast to SY 5382 8842 then via 'The Drives' to join Path No 10.

Width – 2 metres between SY 5376 8849 and SY 5382 8842 except at SY 5376 8848 (1.1 metre pedestrian gate to BS5709:2018)

Dated this 2nd day of July  
THE COMMON SEAL of  
DORSET COUNCIL  
was affixed in the presence of:-

2026



*Jan Gade*

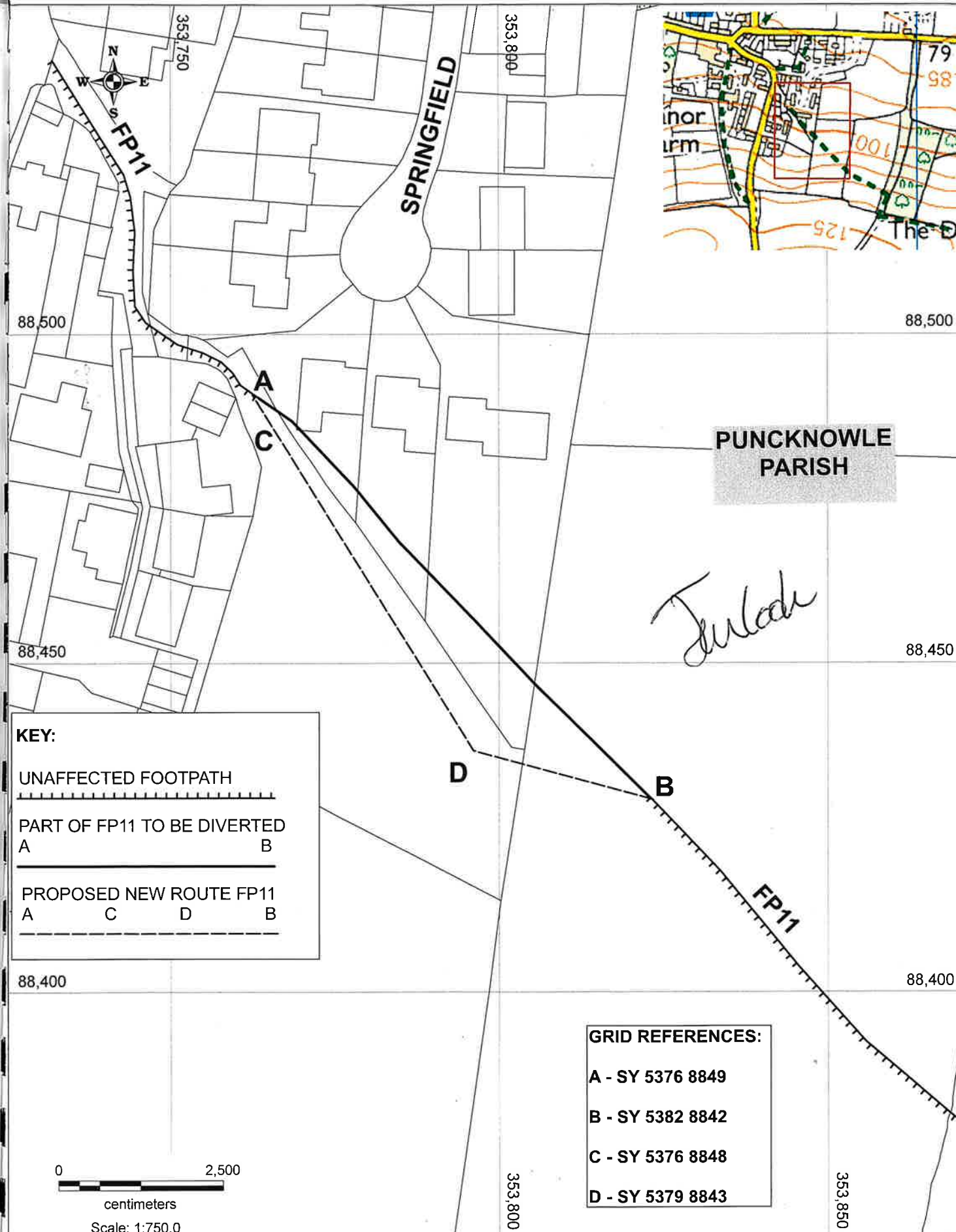
Authorised signatory

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The foregoing Order is hereby confirmed unopposed

*[Signature]*  
Authorised Signatory

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2026



**KEY:**

UNAFFECTED FOOTPATH

PART OF FP11 TO BE DIVERTED

A B

PROPOSED NEW ROUTE FP11

A C D B

**GRID REFERENCES:**

A - SY 5376 8849

B - SY 5382 8842

C - SY 5376 8848

D - SY 5379 8843



centimeters

Scale: 1:750.0

**Dorset Council (Part of Footpath 11, Puncknowle)  
Public Path Diversion Order 2026**

**Ref: P294/26/2**

**Date: 29/06/2026**

**Drawn by: CAM**

**Scale: 1:750**

**Cent X: 353,798**

**Cent Y: 88,456**



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