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Dear Ms Rebecca Buck,

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53
Order Making Authority: Dorset County Council (pre Mar 2019)
Title of Order: Dorset County Council (Footpath at Rampisham) Definitive Map and
Statement Modification Order 2002

I am directed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to refer to the above-named Order, which was submitted to him for non-confirmation on 25 June 2024.

Dorset County Council asserts that there is a substantive error on the plan attached to the Order (the Order Plan). That the route on the Order Plan is incorrect in that it was based on the current definitive map that shows the route of Footpaths 17 and 18, Rampisham further north west than on the earlier Provisional and Draft Definitive maps.

Consideration of the reason for the request by Dorset County Council for non-confirmation and examination of the Order and map has revealed that the Order has been incorrectly drafted and is incapable of confirmation.

The Secretary of State takes the view that this constitutes a fundamental error which is fatal to the validity of the Order. As he cannot purport to use his power of modification to correct such an error, he has decided not to exercise his power of confirmation. The sealed Orders are returned herewith, and a copy of this letter has been sent to the objectors and all other interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

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