

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER
DORSET COUNCIL (FOOTPATH 16, MELCOMBE HORSEY AND FOOTPATH 26,
CHESELBOURNE)**

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER
ON BEHALF OF
DAVID AND GAY SUTTON**

1. This statement is submitted on behalf of David and Gay Sutton, who are the current owners of land over which FP16 and FP26 currently exist.
2. David and Gay Sutton are entirely supportive of the Order and endorse the Statement of Grounds as submitted by Dorset Council.
3. David and Gay Sutton would comment that they still farm their land and the fields where FP16 and FP26 are currently routed are used for sheep grazing and they often have electrified temporary sheep fencing around the edge of the fields in order to provide stockproof fencing. The routes A-B and B-C therefore often have obstacles for people to have to negotiate. By comparison, the proposed diverted route A-D is on land that is not grazed and does not have any temporary sheep fencing. It is therefore a much more accessible route of benefit and enjoyment to walkers.
4. David and Gay Sutton confirm their support to all comments referred to by the Council in their statement and would ask that the Order should be confirmed as made.

**BRIMBLE LEA
24 October 2023**