

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

**Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order
Dorset Council (Part of Bridleway 33, Stourton Caundle) Definitive Map and
Statement Modification Order 2023 (“the Order”)**

STATEMENT OF DORSET COUNCIL
CONTAINING COMMENTS ON THE OBJECTIONS

Objection to the Order

There is one objection to the Order.

Mr Taylor objects to the Order, stating that, ‘...reinstalment of this bridleway will have a significant detrimental effect of the value of my property’.

OMA’s comments on the objection:

The criteria for definitive map modification orders are strictly limited to matters of fact and evidence. In all cases the evidence will show that the event has already taken place. The legislation confers no discretion on a surveying authority or the Secretary of State to consider whether or not a path or way would be suitable for the intended use by the public or cause danger or inconvenience to anyone affected by it. Whilst the OMA appreciates the frustration of landowners affected by rights of way claims, objections relating to devaluation of property cannot be taken into account when determining the Order.