

NOTICE OF ORDER

Highways Act 1980

Essex County Council
Footpath 25 Castle Hedingham Public Path Diversion Order 2022

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the Order.

The **start date** for the above Order is **24/10/2023**.

Consideration of the Order will take the form of a public local inquiry.

The Inquiry will be held at **Gosford Village Hall (a.k.a Maurice Rowson Hall), Church Road, Gosfield, Essex CO9 1TL** on **05/03/2024** at 10.00am.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to divert a part length of Footpath 25, Castle Hedingham of unknown width shown by a bold continuous line on the order map commencing from Rosemary Lane at a point directly west of the property known as 'Yeomans' in a southwesterly direction cross-field for a total distance of 353 metres to a point where it reaches a field corner and continues unaffected, to an alternative route 2 metres in width shown by a bold broken black line commencing from the aforementioned commencement point, running in a southerly direction around a field edge for 59m continuing in a southwesterly direction around a field edge for a final distance of 327 metres to the aforementioned field corner where it continues unaffected.

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Joanne Reid by email: rightsofway2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk quoting reference number ROW 3316971 on all correspondence. Alternatively, queries may be sent in writing to The Planning Inspectorate, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Telephone: 0303 444 5136.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at Essex County Council Offices, County Hall, E block main reception, Market Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1HQ between the hours of 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, or they can be posted or emailed (subject to a recipients' email file size limitations). To arrange to view or be sent the documents, requests should be submitted by email to alan.roscoe@essexhighways.org or publicpathorders@essexhighways.org or tel: 07704 278213.

Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence

Within 8 weeks of the start date by 19/12/2023

The Order Making Authority must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices) to everyone who has made an objection or representation and the applicant and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order.

Within 14 weeks of the start date 30/01/2024

Everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case¹ is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send full copies to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to the applicant, every person who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

Within the same period the applicant (if applicable) must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a full copy to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to everyone who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

2 weeks before the date of the inquiry 20/02/2024

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant (if applicable) and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their proof of evidence (together with any summary) is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

- i) the Authority's proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents - although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence);

¹ If you wish to make a legal submission, this should be submitted at the same time as your statement of case. Otherwise legal submissions will have to be submitted in writing on the day of the inquiry.

- ii) the applicant's proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence); and
- iii) all other proofs of evidence to the Authority, the applicant, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should not be submitted with a proof of evidence).

All parties must keep to the timetable set out above and ensure that statements of case and proofs of evidence are received by the Secretary of State on time. Late documents will be returned.

We cannot accept any inflammatory, discriminatory or abusive comments. Any documents containing such comments will be returned.