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Agenda item 16e Public ROW Diversion

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Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 10:59 AM

To: Town Clerk <info@wem.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed Diversion of Public Rights of Way near New House Farm Wem.

Dear Mrs O'Hagan

Proposed Diversion of Bridleway (BW) 17, and Footpath (FP) 17 in Wem Rural Parish and Footpath (FP) 11 (part) in Wem Urban Parish.

I am writing to consult you informally about an application we have received to divert Bridleway 17, and Footpath 17 in Wem Rural Parish and Footpath 11 (part) in Wem Urban Parish, as shown on the map attached.

I have also attached a location map and a map purely showing the current definitive (legal) lines of the routes, for added clarity.

The applicant wishes to divert the above public rights of way for health and safety reasons and to give a better walking experience with better views and more pleasant surroundings.

The definitive line of **BW 17** and **FP 17** in **Wem Rural Parish** run through a busy timber yard and is obstructed by two buildings, a reservoir and fencing.

The proposed diversion removes the public rights of way from the timber yard onto nearby fields, to run across natural surface with pleasant vistas across the surrounding countryside.

The proposed diversion utilises in part the alternative unofficial route which is already in use. The legal diversion of these public rights of way provides the most sensible and realistically the only practicable solution to resolve the longstanding issues on this route.

If the order is successful, on completion it will provide a pleasant route between Wem Rural Parish and Wem Urban Parish with good links to the nearby existing public rights of way network.

The proposal is to extinguish those routes shown by a solid black line on the attached draft order plan onto those routes shown by a dashed black line.

The route to be created varies from 1.5 to 3 metres in width and the southern section is enclosed in part.

I have attached both the draft order map showing the proposed diversion route and a map showing the current definitive lines of the affected public rights of way, for clarity as well as a location map.

I would be grateful if you could forward any comments you may wish to make on the above proposals within the next 28 days if possible, if I do not hear from you within this time, I will assume you have no comments to make.

Please contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards Helen Foxall

Rights of Way Legal Orders and Enforcement Officer