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Dear Consultee

**CONSULTATION FROM
NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**

Highways Act 1980 - Section 119

**Proposed Public Path Diversion Order
Public Footpath AX 30/18 and part of Public
Footpath AX 30/16, over land west and south
of Pigeon House Farm, Cribb's Lane and
Pigeon Lane, Redhill, Wrington Parish**

North Somerset Council has received a Public Path Diversion Order application, which seeks to divert Public Footpath AX 30/18 and part of Public Footpath AX 30/16 in the parish of Wrington, in the following manner:

Public Footpath AX 30/18

From the eastern side of Cribb's Lane at point A (grid reference ST 49665 62321) running in a generally easterly then generally south, south easterly direction to the junction with Public Footpath AX 30/16 at point B (grid reference ST 50024 62125), a total distance of approximately 479 metres;

To a footpath running from a kissing gate at point E (grid reference ST 49671 62271), at the eastern side of Cribb's Lane, running in a generally west, south western direction to a pedestrian gate at point F (grid reference ST 49832 62178), then running in a south easterly direction to point G1 (grid reference ST 50046 61954). The path then runs in a generally easterly direction to point H (grid reference ST 50193 61940), then in a generally southerly direction to point I (grid reference ST 50196 61889) and then in an east, south easterly direction to a pedestrian gate at point J (grid reference ST 50217 61876). The total distance of the diverted path will be 727 metres, with a width of 2 metres.

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and part of Public Footpath AX 30/16

From that part of Public Footpath AX 30/16, from the southern side of Pigeon Lane at point K (grid reference ST 50090 62320) running in a generally south, south westerly then generally southerly direction to the junction with Public Footpath AX 30/18 at point B (grid reference ST 50024 62125), then in a generally south, south easterly then generally southerly direction to point G (grid reference ST 50042 61952), then running in a generally south, south easterly direction to point C (grid reference ST50377 61209), a total distance of approximately 1,222 metres;

To a footpath running from the southern side of Pigeon Lane at point K (grid reference ST 50090 62320), in a south, south easterly direction to point L (grid reference ST 50169 62157) then running in a southerly direction to a pedestrian gate at point M (grid reference ST 50190 62022) and then in a south, south easterly direction passing a piped culvert at point M1 (grid reference ST 50208 61952). The route then continues in a southerly, then south easterly direction to a bridge and 2 pedestrian gates, at point N (grid reference ST 50218 61881) and then in a southerly direction connecting with the diverted AX 30/18 footpath at point J (grid reference ST 50217 61876). The route then runs in a south, south westerly then southerly direction to a pedestrian gate at point O (grid reference ST 50230 61678), then in a south, south easterly direction to a pedestrian gate at point P (grid reference ST 50284 61501). The route then runs southerly then east, north easterly to point Q (grid reference ST 50334 61498) and then in a south, south easterly direction to point C (grid reference ST 50377 61209). The total distance of the diverted path will be 1,204 metres, with a width of 2 metres.

The proposal is shown on the attached Map No. PPO 169, with the existing routes indicated by bold continuous lines and the proposed routes shown by bold broken lines. New kissing and pedestrian gates, a piped culvert and a bridge will be installed.

The applicants have submitted the proposed diversion application for the following reasons:

The routes of Public Footpaths AX 30/18 and AX 30/16, through Pigeon House Farm have been unavailable for many years due, in part, to drafting errors and a lack of clarity during the definitive map process. Subsequent development of farm buildings has compounded the problem, resulting in sections of the legal line being unavailable. In addition, other sections of the legal line take users through areas of cattle penning and where there are frequent movements of agricultural machinery.

The lack of clarity with regards to the line of these paths has led to confusion for members of the public wishing to walk the paths. People have frequently had difficulty with regards to route finding, resulting in fences being climbed and trespass.

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The proposed new routes seek to remove any confusion with regards to the legal lines people should be following. They are on well-drained land with good views of the surrounding countryside and are positioned so as to ensure the public will be well away from farm buildings and main areas of farming operations. Five stiles on the existing routes will be removed and replaced with metal gates allowing for safer access, especially for less able walkers.

Overall, the proposed diversions, if successful, will benefit the walking public as they will be able to follow clearly waymarked paths, via improved structures and away from areas of potential conflict with agricultural operations. The landowners will also benefit as they will be better able to manage their farming operations.

If you wish to make any comments about this proposal, these should be sent to me in writing, to arrive no later than **2nd June 2017**. If no reply is received by this date, it will be assumed that you have no comments to make about this proposal. Please contact me on the above telephone number or the above email address if you have any queries in the meantime regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully

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