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**Countryside Records
Oxfordshire County Council
County Hall
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**Owen Jenkins
Director of Community
Operations**

23rd August 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Informal Consultation

Application for Diversion of Part of Public Footpath under S119 Highways Act 1980. Part of West Challow Fp 4 at Coppice Leaze Farm.

The owners of Coppice Leaze Farm have applied to the County Council (OCC) to divert part of West Challow Fp 4. This is an informal consultation seeking any comments on the proposal. These will be taken into account when OCC decides whether or not to make a diversion Order.

Any Order would be under s119 of the Highways Act 1980 in the interests of the owner so as to divert the path from running through the immediate curtilage of the residence thereby increasing the owner's privacy.

The existing path runs north-north-eastwards from Silver Lane, over the Childrey Brook via the drive leading to Coppice Leaze Farmhouse where it runs past the front of the property. It then turns south-westwards and runs immediately beside the house until it reaches the lane opposite Mays Farmhouse. The nearest public right of way (West Challow Fp 1) is approximately 52m to the west along the lane. The proposed route of the footpath, instead of running along the drive over the brook, would instead turn and run south-westward alongside the brook until it would cross to the other side via a footbridge. The path would then head south-westwards to join the lane. The new path would not have any structures along its route and have a 2m width.

The existing and proposed routes are shown on the attached plan and key HA1980 s.119/592.

Please note that the beginning of the lane running from Silver Lane (and parallel with West Challow Fp 4) is a private lane. The public highway begins immediately to the south-east of the Childrey Brook and in this respect the new path would join a quiet public cul-de-sac.

The diversion would address the concerns of the landowner whilst the proposal has the aim of providing an enjoyable and approximately equidistant walk.

The new route needs to be opened in two places through garden walls and this, together with the construction of the footbridge, would be carried out by the landowner. The administration and advertising costs this Council incurs in respect of any Order will be recharged to the applicant.

Any comments you wish to make are welcomed and will be taken into account when the Council decides whether or not to make an Order. I would be grateful for any comments by **4th October 2019**. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting me on the below number.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Sylvester', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Oxfordshire County Council will consider correspondence and comments received in response to this communication, for further consideration. They may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.