

Reference: ABS/DIV/154/11.19

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

12th March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Informal Consultation

Proposed Diversion Order and Extinguishment Order Under s119 and s118 of Highways Act 1980. Part of two claimed routes and part of Chadlington Fp 5, The Old Forge.

The council is proposing to make an Order to divert a section of unrecorded footpath that runs past West Bridge Cottage and extinguish the south-western end of Public Footpath No 5, together with its unrecorded continuation which passes through the garden of the property 'Old Forge'. 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 relevant Orders.

The paths to be closed are shown by bold black lines on the attached plan, with the proposed route (shown by a broken black line) shown within the adjoining field immediately to the north-west.

The diversion of the path is in the interests of the owners of West Bridge Cottage as diverting it further from the property would improve their privacy. The extinguishment of the length of Chadlington and its unrecorded continuation would be because the path is not needed for public use due to the new path in the adjacent field. The new route of the path would have a width of 3 metres and have 'Woodstock' kissing gates located at each end. The applicant has also agreed to replace the stile at the very northern end of Chadlington Fp 5 with a further Woodstock gate. This would create a stile free route thereby improving public access.

The existing and proposed routes are shown on the attached plan and key HA1980 602. 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 **23rd April 2020**. 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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NB

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.