

Explanatory Note

Oxfordshire County Council is responsible for a document called the Definitive Map and Statement which is the legal record of all known public rights of way in the County. There are a number of ways a public right of way can be recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement. One of these is evidence of public use over a significant period of time (usually 20 years) which was without permission, force or secrecy.

This notice means that the landowner has submitted a document known as a Highways Declaration to Oxfordshire County Council. The document makes it clear that the landowner acknowledges the public rights of way recorded on their land and that at the time of making the deposit they do not wish to dedicate any other ways over the land shown with coloured edging on the accompanying map. This may prevent unrecorded public rights of way from being recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement on the basis of presumed dedication in the future. More information on this can be found at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/landownerdeposits.

If routes are already recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement for Oxfordshire (relevant date 21st February 2006) available online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/definitivemaponline then they are unaffected by the application received by Oxfordshire County Council under s31(6) Highways Act 1980.

Rights of way may already exist that are not recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement. If you believe routes are used that are not recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement and meet the legal tests for recording a public right of way then you can apply for a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO). For more information on this please see: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/modificationsanddiversions>.