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Dear Sir/Madam

Further Informal Consultation

Application for Diversion of Public Footpath under S119 Highways Act 1980. Rotherfield Greys Footpath No 1 (part) The Rosary, Shepherds Green.

On the 2nd August 2018 Countryside Records carried out a consultation regarding a proposed diversion of the above footpath at The Rosary, Shepherds Green to a new line running across an adjacent pasture field.

The consultation generated a representation requesting that the diversion route be amended to a more direct route across the field. The landowner has agreed to this. This amended route is now shown on the attached plan HA1980/539.

The Definitive line of Rotherfield Greys Fp 1 runs between Greys Green and Shepherds Green. The length of Fp 1 to be diverted begins at Shepherd's Green and runs south-eastwards through the grounds of The Rosary immediately past the side of the house, across a patio, through the garden and into a field. The footpath to be diverted (A-B on the plan) is 180m in length. The new footpath would have a width of 3m, begin at Rotherfield Grey's Fp 4 (which also leads to Shepherd's Green) and run through a new gap in the hedge south-westwards across the field to join the existing Rotherfield Greys Fp 1. The proposed footpath (A-C) is 143m long and would be unfenced on both sides. The Definitive route to be diverted and the proposed route and their comparable total lengths are shown on the plan. There will be no structures along the new path's length.

The following points should be noted:

- The administration and advertising costs this Council incurs in respect of any Order will be recharged to the applicant.
- The applicant owns the garden and field across which the existing and proposed route would run. Those landowners who would have the footpath diverted onto, their land (including those who own the lane) have granted consent to the proposal.
- The proposed path where it would join Fp 4 has not yet been prepared for public use. The applicant will be responsible for works required to bring the new route into a satisfactory condition for public use **and any diversion Order would not be confirmed until the works are completed.**

Any comments you may make in respect of this further consultation will be assessed when the Council decides whether or not to make an Order.

In addition to the plans showing the proposal a copy of the Definitive Map with the footpath highlighted in yellow is included. I would be grateful for any comments by **15th February 2019**. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting me on the above number.

Yours faithfully



Andy Sylvester
Rights of Way Officer

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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.