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By email

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Decision on Application under Section 119 Highways Act 1980 to divert Sandridge Footpath 26.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) has decided to make an order, and to serve notice on you of the making of the order. We are required to do this under Schedule 6 of the Highways Act 1980.

The Decision

HCC considered the responses received to the consultation and the relevant legal tests. HCC decided that these tests have been met and therefore an order has been made diverting Sandridge Footpath 26.

Please can you arrange for the orders to be advertised according to the instructions in my email.

I have enclosed the following documents:

- a copy of the Order (which includes a plan)
- the notice advertising the Order
- Forms A and B for advertisement of the Order

The Order

The Hertfordshire County Council (Sandridge Footpath 26) Diversion Order 2024 has been made and was sealed on 9th May 2024.

What happens next?

The process is as follows

1. The Order will be advertised for a period of four weeks:
 - An advert will be placed in the Herts Advertiser on 6th June 2024.

- Notices will be put up on site and the Notice, Order and Plan will be available from the local district and parish councils.
- The easiest way to inspect a copy of the Order and Plan will be to go to HCC's website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rowapps
- You may also contact the case officer at Rachel.knowles1@hertfordshire.gov.uk or 01992 555123 who will provide you either with an electronic copy of the Order and Plan or a hard copy, if you prefer.

This is so that people who are interested or who live locally and/or use the routes can be informed about the Order. Copies of the Order are sent to the applicant, the landowner(s), statutory undertakers and interested user groups.

2. Anyone may make a representation or objection to the Order in the four weeks while the Order is being advertised. This must be made in writing, addressed to Rachel Knowles before the **4th July 2024** and should include the reasons for making an objection or representation.

Please note that:

- the county council does not have to accept any representations or objections made outside of the four week advertising period.
 - the details of any objectors to the Order may become available to anyone who requests them as explained below (except where the objection is withdrawn).
3. After the advertising period ends the county council can decide to:
 - confirm the Order provided that no objections or representations have been received and the Order meets the legal tests
 - abandon the Order if it is decided that the legal tests for confirmation cannot be met. This may be as a result of receiving valid objections.
 - send the Order to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) where objections or representations to the Order have been received. PINS act on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and will decide whether or not the Order should be confirmed. This may be done at a public inquiry or by exchanging letters. The applicant and any objectors will be expected to put their own case forward, or arrange for someone else to represent them
 4. Please note that making the order does not mean the change has happened. Only when an order is confirmed and any necessary certification is complete will the order take effect. The change will subsequently be recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement

You will be informed as to whether or not the Order is confirmed.

I hope that this explains the process satisfactorily. The Government's information website at <https://www.gov.uk/topic/outdoor-access-recreation/rights-of-way-open-access> has further information under 'Public rights of way' but if you do have any queries please feel free to contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Knowles".

Rachel Knowles
Definitive Map Officer
Countryside & Rights of Way Service