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**Place and Economy
Executive Director, Steve Cox**

Consultee
Sent by email

Asset Information

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Dear Consultee,

Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order to record a Public Footpath - S 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

In December 2012 the County Council received an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order to record a footpath connecting to Public Footpath No. 22, Bourn. The route is shown labelled points 1 to 4 on the attached plan.

A consultation into the claimed public footpath was commenced in September 2018 but was put on hold. The County Council is now reopening the consultation and investigation to determine whether a public footpath is in existence across the route shown on the attached plan. As a significant amount of time has passed since the consultation was undertaken in September 2018, I am writing to you again to invite any new or additional information and evidence which you may wish to provide. Any information that you may have already provided has been kept on file and will be considered in the investigation.

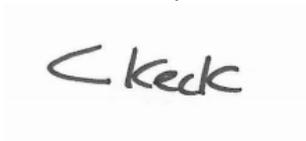
As you may be aware, public rights can be acquired over a route if members of the public have used it over a period of time without interruption or challenge. The County Council has been asked to investigate whether this has happened over this route. This is done by consulting a variety of sources, including members of the public who have used the claimed right of way, documentary evidence, the local councils and user groups.

The County Council must consider whether the evidence shows that a right of way subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over the claimed route. The County Council may consider only the evidence of the existence or otherwise of a right of way. It may not take account of any other factors, such as environmental impact, safety or desirability. If an order is made, it is open to objection, and if any objections are received the matter will be referred to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. Natural England publish a guide to making changes to the Definitive Map & Statement that provides more information on the process: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/definitive-maps-of-public-rights-of-way-change-the-legal-records>

I would be grateful to receive your comments on this application, in particular any evidence that you may have relating to the status and/or past use of the route. Please send any comments to the above address by **21 May 2021**.

Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Keck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'C'.

Ms Catherine Keck
Asset Information Definitive Map Officer