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To Whom It May Concern

**SECTION 119, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 3, BRIDPORT AT NORTH MILLS**

Dorset Council has received an application to divert part of Footpath 3, Bridport as shown on the enclosed Drawing P212/20/1.

This diversion is being made in the interest of the landowner to improve privacy and security as the current route of the footpath runs around the rear of their property. The proposed new route is already in use by the public. It was a term of the agreement with the developer of the land adjoining the applicant's property that consent be given to divert the footpath onto the proposed route. The work to create the new footpath has already been completed.

The current definitive route of Footpath 3, Bridport runs from the unaffected part of Footpath 3 at point A to the east of 'Brookside' (3 Pearwood Cottages), south west along the rear of the property to point B, and then north west along the western side of the property then generally west to rejoin the unaffected part of Footpath 3 at point C.

The proposed new route of Footpath 3, Bridport runs from point A generally west to points D and E then north north west to point F and west south west along the front of the property to point G and south west to point C.

The current route of Footpath 3, Bridport between A – B – C is approximately 33 metres long and the proposed new route between A – D – E – F – G – C is approximately 32 metres long. The width of the new route is 2 metres except at point D where the footpath is 1.9 metres wide. The new footpath has a tarmac surface.

Under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, the ends of the diversion must be in places substantially as convenient to the public. Regard must also be paid to the effect the diversion would have on public enjoyment of the footpath as a whole, and on land served by the existing and proposed routes.

Section 29 of the Highways Act 1980, as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, says that when making extinguishment or diversion orders the Council must have regard to the needs of agriculture, forestry and the desirability of conserving flora, fauna and geological and physiographical features.

The current and proposed routes of Footpath 3, Bridport are available for inspection.

As a result of the current COVID-19 outbreak, Dorset Council is currently hosting its committee meetings virtually following changes to legislation. If the case is to be brought before the Area Planning Committee we will write to those directly affected to advise them. If you wish to be informed of the details of the meeting please let me know. Members of the public are invited to make written representations to be read out on their behalf.

I should be grateful to have any comments you may wish to make in writing by **Monday 26 October 2020** so that they may be taken into consideration. If you think you will need more time to respond please let me know as soon as possible. Your comments will be treated as public information (please refer to the Data Protection information at the end of this letter) and may be incorporated if a report is made to the Area Planning Committee.

Yours faithfully

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