Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Definitive Map and Statement for the Former Borough of Dunstable, the Borough of Luton and the Former Leighton Buzzard and Linslade Urban and Luton Rural Districts as at 7 October 2005

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEDFORDSHIRE (DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR BEDFORDSHIRE) (HOUGHTON REGIS: PARTS OF FOOTPATH NOS 33 AND 36) MODIFICATION ORDER 2005

The above Order made on 16th December 2005, if confirmed as made will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by:-

adding to them the following lengths of Footpath Nos 33 and 36 Houghton Regis:

The first length of Footpath No 33 Houghton Regis to be added extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) SP 9938 2284 (Order map – point A) where it has a junction with Sewell Lane east north east along the foot of the bank parallel with Sewell Lane for approx 29m to OS GR SP 9940 2286 (Order map – point C) where it has a junction with another part of Footpath No 33 Houghton Regis then east north east along the gravelled track which runs parallel to the foot of the bank for approx 107m to OS GR SP 9949 2292 (Order map – point B) where the path terminates at its junction with another part of Sewell Lane.

The first length of Footpath No 33 Houghton Regis to be added has a total length of approx 136m and has a variable width as depicted on the 25":1 mile Ordnance Survey map (2nd Edition) of 1901. It is bounded to the south by the top of the bank adjoining the northern side of Sewell Lane and is bounded to the north by the boundary walls of Sundial Cottage, Springwell Cottage and The Barn and the northern margin of the gravel track running to the south of the properties situated to the north side of Sewell Lane - namely: Springwell Cottage; The Barn/Lane Farm; and Charity Farm.

The second length of Footpath No 33 Houghton Regis to be added extends from OS GR SP 9940 2286 (Order map – point C) at the foot of the bank where it has a junction with another part of Footpath No 33 Houghton Regis north west for approx 48m. It runs parallel to the gravelled track and has a variable width bounded by the curtilage boundaries of Sundial Cottage to the west and Springwell Cottage to the east as depicted on the 25":1 mile Ordnance Survey map (2nd Edition) of 1901 to OS GR SP 9937 2289 (Order map – point D) where the path terminates at its junction with another part of Footpath No 33 Houghton Regis.

The first length of Footpath No 36 Houghton Regis to be added extends from OS GR SP 9954 2273 (Order map – point W) where it has a junction with Bridleway No 35 Houghton Regis and another part of Footpath No 36 west north west for approx 53m down into the deep cutting belonging to the dismantled railway line to OS GS SP 9949 2275 west north west for approx 31m up the other side of the cutting to a field boundary at OS GR SP 9946 2277 then generally north west for approx 100m to a field boundary at OS GR SP 9940 2284 (Order map – point X) where it has a junction with Sewell Lane.

The second length of Footpath No 36 Houghton Regis to be added extends from the entrance to Sewell Farm on Sewell Lane at OS GR SP 9937 2284 (Order map – point Y) west north west for approx 50m passing to the west of the pond to a field boundary at OS GR SP 9932 2286 then northwest and north north west for approx 200m to OS GR SP 9921 2301 (Order map – point Z) where the path terminates at its junction with Footpath No 33 Houghton Regis.

A copy of the Order and the map may be seen free of charge at the offices of Countryside Access Service, Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Mondays to Thursdays and between 9.00am and 4.00pm on Fridays. Copies of the Order and the Order map may be purchased. An explanatory statement can be obtained by phoning (01234) 228830.

Any representation or objection relating to the Order must be sent in writing to the Orders & Commons Registration Officer, Countryside Access Service, Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford not later than 20th February 2006, and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or to any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, the County Council of Bedfordshire may, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the Secretary of State in whole or in part, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated 23rd December 2005 County Hall Bedford MK42 9AP

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