

From: [Plant Enquiries Team](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: INFORMAL CONSULTATION - WETHERSFIELD FOOTPATH 39 DIVERSION, BRAINTREE DISTRICT
Attachments: [PROW-26-02 rev.22.01.26.pdf](#); [defra-presumptions-guidance-ppo.pdf](#);
Sent: 26/01/2026 09:58:06

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent enquiry.

After checking where VM apparatus are located, we are happy for a no objection.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Plant Enquiries Team

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2026 12:12
Subject: [External] INFORMAL CONSULTATION - WETHERSFIELD FOOTPATH 39 DIVERSION, BRAINTREE DISTRICT

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[REDACTED] | Public Path Order and Development Officer

From: [Floods](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: INFORMAL CONSULTATION - WETHERSFIELD FOOTPATH 39 DIVERSION, BRAINTREE DISTRICT
Sent: 23/01/2026 16:03:10

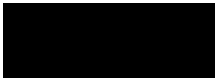
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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for providing this team with the informal consultation of the public footpath diversion, should the public footpath diversion include works to be undertaken to an ordinary watercourse, then consent must be given by the LLFA.

<https://flood.essex.gov.uk/maintaining-or-changing-a-watercourse/apply-for-a-watercourse-consent/>

kind regards



Flood Investigation Engineer
Environment Climate Action | Lead Local Flood Authority

Adr: E1 County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH



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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

The above location is not in Thames Water catchment area however we have no comments to make. I believe this is in the Anglian Water area, you can contact them if you have any queries in regard to this application.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
Development Database Administrator

Asset Management & Engineering

devcon.team@thameswater.co.uk

Maple Lodge STW, Denham Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 9SQ



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From: [National Plant Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: INFORMAL CONSULTATION - WETHERSFIELD FOOTPATH 39 DIVERSION, BRAINTREE DISTRICT
Sent: 29/01/2026 14:07:16

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Dear Sirs,

New Roads and Street Works Act 1991
Stopping Up Order / Footpath Diversion / Extinguishment / Gating Order

No Objection

We refer to the below or attached order and confirm that we have no objections

Please email Stopping Ups to osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com

To enable us to process your application as quickly as possible, please ensure you include Grid References.

A copy of the Cable and Wireless process 4461 'Special Requirements relating to the external plant network of Cable and Wireless UK Services Ltd' is available on request. The process provides guidance on working in the vicinity of Cable and Wireless's apparatus.

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Many thanks,

Plant Enquiries Team (RS)

T: [REDACTED]
E: osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com

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Sent: 23 January 2026 17:42
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: WETHERSFIELD FP39 DIVERSION - objection until flooding at C dealt with
Attachments: [PROW-26-02 rev.22.01.26.pdf](#)
Sent: 03/03/2026 12:58:25

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Hi [REDACTED]

I have to say that I strongly object to this tactic. It is incredibly unreasonable to object to a diversion order on the basis that there is a puddle on an existing byway that walkers taking the diversion may or may not encounter depending on whether they head east or west. I understand that you feel that the byway surface may need some attention at this spot, but to place an objection until the matter along the byway has been resolved is incredibly poor practice considering that we are partners in protecting the network and that this diversion seeks to resolve a long-standing obstruction issue.

My Officers have 56 days to make an assessment of an enquiry, which means we would have to fast track this enquiry, prioritising it ahead of other works in order that the diversion is not held up. It is highly likely that the standing water will not be a defect as standing water only becomes a defect when it has been there for more than 10days after the cessation of rainfall and prevents use. I also note that there is a wide verge to the byway track that is not covered in standing water that walkers and cyclists could use to avoid the puddle. Reporting this matter when we have half the county's rivers overflowing their banks means that we won't inspect it until things dry out a little. If we decide that this is not a short term, seasonal issue, then the works are likely to take years as it is clearly not a high priority relating to safety and is unlikely to get funded for some time to come. Is your intention to hold us to ransom on this issue?

In incredible amount of effort goes into these cases where we are trying to address long term issues. It's frustrating that we get this far and then receive objections, more so in this case where we are legalising the current walked route and it is such a minor change in the network.

Your objection and demands are unreasonable and are affecting our relationship with The Ramblers. We will investigate the enquiry, but I implore you to withdraw your objection to this diversion.



Regards

[REDACTED] | PROW Lead Officer

Public Rights of Way



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T: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 March 2026 10:17

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: WETHERSFIELD FP39 DIVERSION - objection until flooding at C dealt with

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Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

As you know there is no expectation in law on either an applicant or the Highway Authority to instate a prospective diversion route until/unless an order is confirmed, which is what the coming into force (CIF) date on an order is intended for.

In Essex we go one step further, to the frustration of some agents/applicants, in that in most cases we actually withhold confirmation of an unopposed order until the respective PROW Officer is happy that any works required (including any needed to address issues noted) have been completed or are scheduled for within the CIF period. You know [REDACTED] and I am sure you know that he would not voluntarily accept a new PROW route that he knew would create genuine problems for the public and himself (through enquiries and works) and in my role I defer judgement on confirmation based on works to Shirley's team.

So, I would respectfully ask you please to trust our judgement and professionalism on this to ensure that the diverted footpath, when/if it becomes a PROW, will be fit for purpose.

You will have seen from the plan and from what's visible from the byway when you attended site that the current legal route is very intrusive to the property and so the Presumptions Guidance is very much applicable here.

In terms of the report you have made, that's not really my area, but I don't think that my colleagues could accept or action a report on an area which is not yet highway, which really is the point Jason was making and I reiterated above.

It would be appreciated if the diversion, which we intend to make an order for imminently would be unopposed as we will deal with any issues on what is fundamentally and very sound diversion proposal.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Public Path Order and Development Officer



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 03 March 2026 09:53

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: WETHERSFIELD FP39 DIVERSION - objection until flooding at C dealt with

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Good morning both

I do not understand this. We as the Highway Authority would not confirm the new route until it has been brought up to the required standard so what purpose does an objection serve and there is no legal requirement that the proposed route should be fit for purpose at the application stage? Surely you can just email or call and ask if we have noted the flooding issue and check we are intending that this is actioned before any Order is confirmed?

Re 4025012 – you say “flooded from side to side making it impossible to walk down there safely. Estimated depth of water 6 inches....”

I was wearing boots when I walked it. Appropriate footwear for this time of year and I found it perfectly easy to walk along/through the standing water without issues. I think the requirement for a recordable defect is that the standing water must still exist 10 days after significant rain and that standing water prevents usage. I don't think either of these requirements have been met.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 March 2026 09:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: re: WETHERSFIELD FP39 DIVERSION - objection until flooding at C dealt with

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re: WETHERSFIELD FP39 DIVERSION - objection until flooding at C dealt with

Apologies for the late reply to this informal consultation. We were on holiday when this was forwarded by Ramblers Central Office.

There is a blocked ditch and flooding / route underwater at C, where the proposed diversion of footpath 39 would connect with Byway 17. The legal line of FP39, which is obstructed, does not currently pass point C so is unaffected by the flooding. The flooding at C has been reported as fault report number 4025012.

The proposed diversion is therefore currently objected to until the flooding at point C is dealt with.

[REDACTED]

Ramblers-Braintree District Footpath Secretary

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Fw: INFORMAL CONSULTATION - WETHERSFIELD FOOTPATH 39 DIVERSION, BRAINTREE DISTRICT
Date: Tue, 3 Feb 2026 11:57:06 +0000
From: Pathorders <Pathorders@ramblers.org.uk>
To: [REDACTED]

Hello

Please see a communication received by The Ramblers below and attached, for your information and/or attention.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Ramblers Stand-In Volunteer Footpath Admin Assistant

From: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 March 2026 13:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Wetherfield FP 59 Diversion.

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Hi [REDACTED]

As Area Footpath Secretary I have the final say on objections to proposed diversion, and I am unable to support [REDACTED] on the issue of the above.

I suggested yesterday that [REDACTED] withdraw this and would like to give her the opportunity to do so, and with the User Group tomorrow the issue may be raised there by herself.

My reason for emailing is to say assuming [REDACTED] does not withdraw the objection, after the User Group I will formally confirm that on behalf of Essex Rambler, this will happen.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 March 2026 13:46

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Wethersfield FP 59 Diversion.

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Hi [REDACTED]

The objection that has been made by the Ramblers Footpath Secretary for Braintree, on the above was not agreed with Essex Ramblers.

As Essex Area Footpath Secretary I am informing yourself, on behalf of Essex Area Ramblers, that this is not supported and it can be withdrawn.

Regards,

[REDACTED] Area Footpath Secretary.

From: [REDACTED]
To: clerk@wethersfield-pc.gov.uk
Subject: RE: INFORMAL CONSULTATION - WETHERSFIELD FOOTPATH 39 DIVERSION, BRAINTREE DISTRICT
Sent: 24/02/2026 08:19:40

Good morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for the confirmation of no objection from the Parish Council.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | Public Path Order and Development Officer



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Dear [REDACTED]

The below was reviewed at the PC meeting earlier this month, no objections from Councillors.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Clerk and RFO
Wethersfield Parish Council
Email: clerk@wethersfield-pc.gov.uk

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WETHERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
REPRESENTING WETHERSFIELD, BLACKMORE END & BEAZLEY END



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held at Blackmore End Village Hall on Wednesday, 11 February 2026, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr S Venables
Cllr R Taylor
Cllr K Harris
Cllr N Godley
Cllr C Ballantyne
Cllr M Staines (BDC)
Donna Roder (Clerk and RFO)

In attendance: Members of the Public: 2
Guest Speakers: Mr M Pryke and Mr D Cordy (Anglian Water).

188/25-26 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN TO PRESIDE OVER THE MEETING.

RESOLVED: Cllr N Godley was elected. Proposer Cllr K Harris, seconder Cllr C Ballantyne.

189/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr G Butland (ECC), Cllr M Ault (BDC), Cllr C West, and Cllr M Jackson.

190/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

191/25-26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 January 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr S Venables, seconder Cllr R Taylor.

192/25-26 GUEST SPEAKER FROM ANGLIA WATER.

Mr M Pryke and Mr D Cordy gave an introduction and presentation. The water for Wethersfield comes from the treatment plant at Petches Bridge. All burst mains and leaks are defined as an emergency, with a three-hour target to restore water to all households affected. Ofwat reward and fine Anglia Water if this KPI is/is not achieved overall. In 2025 there were five emergencies which resulted in road closures in Wethersfield, in 2024 there was only one. Old cast iron mains and the width of roads here are challenging and often result in road closures across the entire carriage way. Road closures are a last resort for water companies however there is strict legislation they must comply to for safety reasons. Diversion routes have to follow

the equivalent class of road, hence the reason they can be very lengthy. If supply has not been restored after 12 hours, then they must deliver alternative supplies. Future investments are over a 5-year plan and have to balance the cost to customers. Anglia Water are investing £11 billion pounds in the region with 1100 kilometre is of water mains replacement. Hudsons Hill and Braintree Road assets are on the list to be upgraded. The recent issue on Bovingdon Road has been repaired by needs replacement. Anglia Water understand that communication of emergency works and clearing the site quickly after work is completed, need improvement and are working on delivering this by the implementing countdown boards with road closure signs so it will be easier to identify where the road is actually closed. For planned maintenance this is published three months before work is due to start on their website. For proactive information of this in your area, you can register for notifications. For emergency work, the team will update the clerk going forward including updates. The clerk will communicate these on the PC website and social media channels. The Council thanked Anglia Water for their support and a clearer understanding of the challenges they face with emergency work and subsequent road closures.

193/25-26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

None.

194/25-26 PARKING ON LOWER GREEN BLACKMORE END

Cllr Venables gave an update. The small car park for Syers Field does not appear large enough and cars are being parked constantly now on the green which is being churned up as a result. Cllr Godley will survey the area together with Cllr Venables and draft a letter to Eastlight.

195/25-26 RAF WETHERSFIELD ASYLUM CENTRE

See clerks report.

196/25-26 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr Staines gave an update (Annex I)

**197/25-26 CLERKS REPORT
PARISH RANGER**

Last month: The ranger salted the entire road from Hereward Way to Saffron Gardens and the pathway to the village hall and shop. All salt bins in Wethersfield, Blackmore End and Beazley End were checked and replenished where required.

This month: Painting the emergency exit steps at the village hall, and the north wall (weather permitting). Carrying out the survey requirements for the VAS licence permits in the locations identified. Clearing the path near the fire station.

WETHERSFIELD AIRBASE ASYLUM RECEPTION CENTRE

Home Office and PC Engagement notes – 19 January 2026.

An onsite meeting was held with a tour of the communal area and gym, new arrivals briefing centre, multifaith prayer room, welfare centre, medical centre, cookhouse, and accommodation blocks.

- 620 service users currently on site.
- 120 staff on site per day.

- Numbers will surge again in the summer up to 1200 again.
- No biometrics are taken on site. These are taken on arrival at Western Jet Foil and Manston.
- Medical screening and bloods are taken for all new arrivals on site as part of their induction. Since opening, there has been 5 cases only of active TB.
- Induction day 2 focuses on cultural behaviour. Advised not to congregate in large groups and no standing and staring at children and women.
- All service users are now in the brick accommodation blocks which holds 800 service users. The modular village holds 400 service users and is currently being mothballed until spring/summer. The modular units are leased and not owned. A further 45 beds are held in an isolation block.
- Regular min-bus service to take service users into nearby towns and cities. Each minibus carry's 15 people.
- Average stay here is 70-80 days.
- Application interview pods are now onsite, 4 in total which handle 60 applications per week. 2 weeks after the interview service users are moved to dispersal accommodation where decisions are served. No decisions are served onsite.
- There is a barbers service on site, a gym, entertainment room, squash court, table tennis, pool tables, social areas where refreshments and snacks are available in between meal times. There is a shop on site where service users can buy additional snacks and products.
- IT suites are available where service users can access computers. These are only for online educational use.
- SDO. Currently no decision has been taken to extend the SDO timeframe which expires April 2027.

Wethersfield PC has asked for a safeguarding statement to be issued by the HO/Essex Police following the recent sexual assault on an NHS worker at Broomfield Hospital. The service user has admitted the assault, given bail and returned to RAF Wethersfield Asylum Centre. The court hearing date is set for 16 February 2026.

The reinstatement of the footpath between Wethersfield and Finchingfield (along the B1053) is now underway. ECC are carrying out the work which will be paid for from the HO grant vessel earmarked for the community (£200K).

Update on Planning Applications Listed in the Minutes

25/02633/HH|Proposed dormer extension to front elevation, paint and repair of 18 No. windows and replacement of 6 No. windows|Jasmine House The Green Wethersfield Essex CM7 4BS.

PENDING DECISION.

25/02865/LBC|Replacement of existing cement render to the front elevation and front dormers with lime plaster and breathable insulation. Replacement of existing 20th century dormer windows with new timber casement windows fitted with slimline double glazing. Removal of existing tarmac surfacing to the front, to be replaced with a flower bed and a new brick footpath.|Ivanhoe House The Green Wethersfield Essex CM7 4BS

PENDING DECISION.

25/02566/HH|Formation of a vehicular access crossover and dropped kerb.|12 Syers Field Blackmore End Wethersfield Essex CM7 4DE.

APPLICATION PERMITTED.

25/02607/VAR|Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of approved application 19/01155/FUL granted 19.08.19 for: Proposed detached dwelling and associated cart lodges. Variation would allow:- Additional roof light to first floor front elevation.|Brook Cottage Blackmore End Wethersfield Essex CM7 4DF.
APPLICATION PERMITTED.

FINANCE

The precept request has been sent to BDC.

HIGHWAYS

The sunken gully on Silver Street by the School has been reported to Highways.

The collapsed carriage way around a manhole cover on Lower Green Road, Blackmore End has been reported to Highways.

Blocked drainage and flooding in Blackmore End have been reported to Highways.

PROW's

Footpath 12 – BDC and ECC Highway teams are now working on what the correct legal line should be for this footpath – in progress and ongoing. The Highways records team are drawing up a report currently – **ongoing**. The broken boardwalk has also been reported to ECC for repair.

PRoW 16. The defective bridge has been reported to ECC Highways. **The work has now been completed.**

PRoW 1. The defective furniture has been reported to ECC Highways. ECC are awaiting inspection. Prow 20. The defective bridge has been reported to ECC Highways. **The defect has been raised and listed for replacement.**

A website page with links to ECC interactive maps and PC contacts for PROW's – **In progress.**

WASC

Stage 2 of the airbase conservation designation was resolved to proceed at the October meeting. Place Services have been contracted to carry out the appraisal. The work will be underway later this month.

JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The working sheet for the 14 actions has been updated and now divided into 25 actions.

LITTERING AND FLYTIPPING

In the past month we have had a total of 6 worn tyres fly-tipped in the parish. 2 in Blackmore

End and 4 in Wethersfield.

The huge amount of littering is ongoing. Contents are mainly empty beer and cider cans/bottles.

The layby coming into Wethersfield is constantly being littered. We are currently looking into the ownership of this land and the possibility to have litter bins located on it.

BLACKMORE END COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

RESOLVED. It was agreed to purchase a body camera and harness at a cost of approx. £262.00 for the safety of the speed watch team. Proposer Cllr R Taylor, seconded by Cllr K Harris.

198/25-26 ROAD MARKINGS ON SILVER STREET.

Cllr West previously sent an update by email regarding the poor remaining visibility of the white lines marking the centre of the road and the stop/give way at the northern end of Braintree Road at The Green that are disappearingly faint with age and wear. It was agreed that the clerk

199/25-26 should report this to Essex Highways.

JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The clerk advised that the environmental assessment screening process of the draft plan was coming to an end now. Next is the tweaking of document formats and another consultation before going to an independent inspector for review.

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Cllr R Taylor has kindly agreed to become the Green/Energy Champion for the NP actions.

BLACKMORE END PLAYING FIELD BOUNDARY FENCE LINE

Cllr S Venables gave an update. This is still currently work in progress.

BEAZLEY END.

201/25-26 I. Speed Survey.

The item was deferred to the next meeting.

202/25-26 WETHERSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

RESOLVED. The repair cost to the low wall next to the oil tank were agreed at a cost Of £950.00. Proposer Cllr C Ballantyne, seconded by Cllr K Harris.

203/25-26 STREET SCENE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 26/27.

RESOLVED. It was agreed to renew the agreement with BDC at a cost of £2,544.74. Proposer Cllr S Venables, seconded by Cllr R Taylor.

204/25-26 FINANCE

I. To receive the Finance Report for February 2026 and approve payments.

RESOLVED: The report was received and payments were approved (Annex II). Proposer Cllr C Ballantyne, seconder Cllr K Harris.

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II. To agree a new payroll provider and associated costs from 1 April 2026.

RESOLVED: Morecambe Town Council were awarded the contract. Proposer Cllr S Venables, seconder Cllr R Taylor.

PLANNING

25/02880/HH Erection of a two bay garage plus area for music and gym equipment to include 5 no.



solar PV panels on the proposed south-east facing roof slope and the provision of 5 no. solar PV panels on an existing outbuilding. Provision of air source heat pump. Martins Nest Braintree Road

206/25-26 Wethersfield Essex CM7 4AQ
NO OBJECTION.

INFORMAL CONSULTATION WETHERSFIELD FOOTPATH 39 DIVERSION.

No objection.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 207/25-26
- Blackmore End Village Hall Roof.
 - Blackmore End Playing Field Swings.

208/25-26 **NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:** The next meeting of Wethersfield Parish Council will take place at Wethersfield Village Hall on Wednesday, 11 March 2026, commencing at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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Signed:
Chairman

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Kind regards,

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RESTRICTED

Dear Sir/Madam,

Essex County Council would welcome your thoughts on the above referenced public path order proposal. This is an informal consultation only and no Order has yet been made.

Please note this informal consultation is not a statutory requirement on the Highway Authority. Its aim is to enable the principal stakeholders to comment on the proposed changes; feedback which is then considered by the Highway Authority and provided to the applicant.

It is not intended as a public consultation. The public are informed and invited to respond if they so wish at the formal, Made Order consultation stage via on-site notices and plans, and the newspaper advertisement for the order.

To enable us to continue this discretionary service we would appreciate it if informal consultations are not shared with the public beyond any council meetings as no orders have yet been made and public comments on the proposals are not being sought at this stage.

Highways Act 1980 Section 119
Essex County Council intend to make the following order:

It is proposed to divert this footpath from within the curtilage of a private property to an alternative route as indicated on the attached plan.

The DEFRA Presumptions guidance (attached) is considered by the Order Making Authority to be applicable to this proposed diversion.

If you have any comment to make on the above proposal, please do so by 20 February 2026.

Please be advised that if orders are made for this proposal, then any representation to those orders will need to be made (in writing) at the time of the orders' public consultation.

Prior responses to the informal process will not be considered as carried forward to the made order consultation process.

Regards

[REDACTED] **Public Path Order and Development Officer**

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