

DELEGATED DECISION

REGENERATION AND LOCAL SERVICES



20 June 2017

Public Bridleway No. 31 Sedgefield Parish,
Proposed Diversion and Definitive Map &
Statement Modification Order

Report of Adrian White – Head of Transport and Contract Services

Purpose of the Report

To consider changes to the Public Rights of Way network.

Public Bridleway No. 31 Sedgefield Parish, proposed Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order

Background

An application has been received from Mr D Brown of Town Farm to divert Public Bridleway No. 31 Sedgefield from a cross-field to a field-edge route, in the interests of agricultural efficiency, as shown on the attached plan. The proposal is therefore in the interests of the landowner. Mr Brown is now the Local Member for Sedgefield, but was not at the time of his application or the consultations.

Bridleway No.31 runs between Foxton and Stillington Moor, and currently passes across a large field east of Stillington Beck. The proposal is to divert a section of the bridleway to a more northerly line, following the field edge.

Consultations have been carried out with the Local Members, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder, Sedgefield Town Council, the Ramblers' Association, the British Horse Society and other user groups. No objections have been received.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision

The proposal is longer than the existing route, but within the context of a rural recreational bridleway the additional distance is not significant. Alternative routes to avoid the cross-field route would be too circuitous.

Recommendations and reasons

The proposal is in accordance with the Council's policy and the statutory framework on the diversion of public rights of way. It is **RECOMMENDED** that a Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order be made under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980 and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to divert Public Bridleway No. 31 Sedgefield Parish, and the Order shall subsequently be either confirmed or referred to the Secretary of State for determination, and that the Corporate Director of Resources be informed accordingly, as per table 5, paragraph 79 of the Constitution of the County Council.

Decision

Signed on behalf of Ian Thompson, Corporate Director, Regeneration and Local Services

Reasons: Agreed to the Diversion Order as detailed in the Delegated Decision.

Background papers

Correspondence and consultations – F:\Rights of Way\ Public Path Orders and Agreements\On going Orders\ Sedgefield 31

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – The applicant will cover the administrative and advertising costs for making the Order and will cover the costs of the physical works required on the ground.

Staffing – N/A

Risk – N/A

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - The new Bridleway will be as accessible as possible for the location.

Accommodation – N/A

Crime and Disorder – N/A

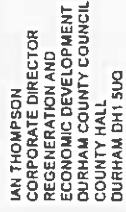
Human Rights - All those affected by this proposal have the opportunity to submit objections and represent their case at a Highways Committee and/or Public Inquiry.

Consultation - Consultations have been carried out with Local Members, the Cabinet Portfolio Holder, Sedgefield Town Council, the Ramblers' Association, the British Horse Society, other user groups and Utility Companies. No objections have been received. If the Order is made the initial consultations are followed up by a Statutory Consultation Period.

Procurement – N/A

Disability Issues – See Equality and Diversity.

Legal Implications – N/A



Bridleway to be extinguished

Bridleway to be created

Public Rights of Way /
Highways not affected by
the proposal

-	-	-	-	Footpath
				Bridleway
V	V	V	V	Byway
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A	A	A	A	Adopted Highway

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