



PUBLIC NOTICE

Highways Act 1980
Central Bedfordshire Council
Notice of Making of Public Path Order

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (CHALTON: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 7) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2021

The above Order made on 9 April 2021 under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 will extinguish the public footpath running between points A-B and C-D as shown on the Order map.

The first length of Footpath No 7, Chalton to be stopped up extends from its junction with the Woodside Link road at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0373 2513 (Order map - point A) in a southerly direction for approximately 8 metres to the mouth of a side road at OS GR TL 0373 2512 (Order map - point B).

The second length of Footpath No 7, Chalton to be stopped up extends from its junction with the mouth of a side road at OS GR TL 0373 2511 (Order map - point C) in a southerly direction for approximately 508 metres to terminate at the Chalton-Houghton Regis parish boundary at OS GR TL 0374 2460 (Order map - point D).
The footpath is stopped up over its full width.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Central Bedfordshire Council Highways, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford. Due to current Covid-19 movement restrictions and reduced staff availability any inspection will be by appointment only, please contact sarah.smalley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or 0300 300 6888 to arrange an appointment. A copy of the Order and the Order map are available to view and download for free at https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/82/countryside/424/definitive_map/3. Paper copies of the Order and map may be bought at a charge of £4.00. An explanatory statement can be obtained by phoning 0300 300 6888.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Highway Assets Intelligence Team Leader, Central Bedfordshire Council Highways, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5QT or sarah.smalley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk not later than 21 May 2021. Please state the grounds on which they are made. Representations and objections must include either a postal or e-mail address. Any representations or objections made will be in the public domain and will be available for viewing/copying by members of the public.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Central Bedfordshire Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order and will be made publicly available by either the Council or the Planning Inspectorate.

Dated 14 April 2021

Priory House, Monks Walk
Chicksands, Shefford
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PUBLIC PATH ORDER SUPPORTING STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Definitive Map and Statement records the existence and route of any rights of way that exist over a parcel of land. The Map and Statement provides conclusive evidence of the existence of public rights of way and are very important for the landowner and users as a record of where the public has a right to walk, ride horses and drive vehicles.

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 ORDERS

The power for the Council to make an order for the extinguishment (“stopping up”) of a footpath or bridleway is contained in Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980. Before making an order the Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to do so on the grounds that the path or way is not needed by for public use and have regard to the likely extent that the path or way would be used by the public if open and available for public use. The Council can take into consideration the concurrent creation of an alternative path or way.

EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER

This extinguishment order has been made by Central Bedfordshire Council because the footpath is unused and currently a dead-end, ending at the parish boundary. The footpath will be replaced by the estate road network of the new Linmere housing estate to be constructed as part of the Houghton Regis North development which will provide better connectivity, as well as onwards travel towards the A5505 and Pastures Way in Luton.

OBJECTING TO THE ORDER

Objections or representations relating to the order must be made in writing by the date stated in the Public Notice to: **Asset Intelligence Team Leader, Highways, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5QT.**

This Council is willing to discuss the concerns of anyone considering objecting or making representations relating to the order. Please telephone number 0300 300 6530 or e-mail adam.maciejewski@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk .

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT

If there are no objections to the order, or if all objections are withdrawn, this Council will confirm the order at which point the Order will come into operation.

If objections are made and these are not withdrawn, this Council will forward the order to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, who will appoint an independent Inspector to consider the evidence and hear the objections, normally by means of an exchange of written representations or by holding a local hearing or public inquiry. Objectors to the order will be given the chance to put their case at an inquiry or hearing and will be able to cross-examine any witnesses produced by this Council. The inspector may then decide to confirm the order, with or without modifications, or may decide that they should not be confirmed.

THIS ORDER HAS NO EFFECT UNTIL AND UNLESS CONFIRMED.