

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

East Sussex County Council
Public Footpath Wadhurst 79a, 79b, 79c, 79d, 80, 81 & 82) Definitive Map
Modification Order 2023

and will attend at:

Bells Yew Green Village Hall, Bells Yew Green, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9BJ

On 4 June 2024 at 10.00am

To hold a public local inquiry into the Order

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding public footpaths as follows:

A route comprising a series of seven public footpaths with an arbitrary centreline route, as detailed below, and as shown on the Order Plan between points B-D; DE; E-F; F-G; A-D; C-E; F-H.

The public footpath commences from a point along existing public footpath Wadhurst 51, in the civil parish of Wadhurst, at point B, near the southern end of Oak Wood, at TQ 6294 3338.

From point B it continues in a generally south-easterly direction through woodland and a clearing for 150 metres, to point D near the western edge of Stonebridge Wood at TQ 6306 3329.

From point D, the footpath continues in a generally east southeasterly direction through Stonebridge Wood for 35 metres to point E, at TQ 6309 3327.

From point E the route continues in the generally east southeasterly direction through Stonebridge Wood for 115 metres, to point F, near the eastern edge of Stonebridge Wood, at TQ 6320 3323.

From point F, the route continues in a generally south-easterly direction for 125 through woodland with a clearing to join existing public footpath Wadhurst 45 at point G, at TQ 6328 3315.

From point A, at a point on existing public footpath Wadhurst 51, at TQ 6299 3329, the footpath continues in a generally easterly direction for 20 metres to meet a stream at TQ 6301 3328. The route continues over and beyond the stream in a generally east north-easterly direction for 45 metres to point D, at TQ 6306 3329.

From point C, at a point on existing public footpath Wadhurst 51, at TQ 6291 3346, the footpath continues in a generally easterly direction through Oak Wood, for 90 metres to TQ 6300 3345, then in a south-easterly direction through Oak Wood for 60 metres to TQ 6304 3340, and then in a south-south easterly direction through Oak Wood for 100 metres to near the edge of Stonebridge Wood at TQ 6307 3331, then continuing in the same south-south easterly through Stonebridge Wood for 35 metres, to point E, at 6309 3327.

From point F, at TQ 6320 3323, the footpath continues in a generally easterly direction through woodland for 60 metres to TQ 6326 3323, then continues in a generally east southeasterly direction through woodland for 75 metres to join existing public footpath Wadhurst 45 at point H, at TQ 6332 3320.

The width of the public footpath between will be 1.5 metres throughout.

The total length of the public footpath to be added is 910 metres.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE. Please contact Stephen Kisko Tel; 07795 237425 or 0345 6080193 or alternatively [email: Stephen.kisko@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen.kisko@eastsussex.gov.uk). Copies of the Order and Order Plan can also be viewed at Wealden District Council, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 2AX between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 9.30am and 5pm on Wednesday.

Documents may also be viewed online at <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisure-tourism/discover-east-sussex/rights-of-way/definitive-map-statement/claiming-changing-public-right-of-way/register-definitive-map-modification-order-applications>

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