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Your Ref:
Our Ref: ROW/3206060

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Highways Act 1980 - Section 119
Order Making Authority: Hertfordshire County Council
Title of Order: (Much Hadham 22) Diversion Order 2016

Please note that the Council has already consulted/notified you about the making of the above mentioned Order(s). This letter is for your information only. If you are a statutory undertaker, any concerns about your apparatus should be addressed to the Council directly.

I refer to the above mentioned Order which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

I am writing to confirm that the inquiry into the above Order will be held at 10.00am on Wednesday 15 May 2019 at Much Hadham Village Hall, High Street, Much Hadham SG10 6BP. The inquiry is currently scheduled to last one day.

Whilst most inquiries will be completed within the scheduled period, some may be shorter and some need to be extended, depending on the amount of evidence produced or the number of people wishing to be heard. It is therefore very important that if you wish to speak, give evidence or contribute to the inquiry in any way, that you attend on the opening day.

It would be useful for the Inspector if you could confirm whether or not you will be attending the inquiry. You should notify me immediately if your circumstances change or you change your mind nearer the date of the inquiry.

It is open to anyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else with an interest in the Order to attend the Inquiry. However, we expect anyone who has asked us for an inquiry to be there (or send a representative). Please refer to paragraphs 4.11 and 8.4 of our booklet *Definitive Map and Public Path Orders*

All parties to the local inquiry procedure are expected to abide by The Rights of Way

(Hearings and Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2007, which can be found at Annex A of our booklet *Guidance on procedures for considering objections to Definitive Map and Public Path Orders in England*. The procedure, which is also summarised in section 4 of the booklet, sets out the timetable for the submission of statements of case and proofs of evidence. Your attention is also drawn to section 6 of the booklet which identifies the various matters to be considered by the Secretary of State or Inspector in deciding whether or not to confirm an order. This booklet can be found on our website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-of-way-guidance-booklet>. Hard copies are also available on request.

The enclosed notice, which will appear on our website, contains information about the Order, where queries about the Order should be directed, when and where documents relating to the Order can be inspected by the public and the timetable for sending statements of case and proofs of evidence. Please ensure you read the notice carefully.

All parties must keep to the timetable to ensure that statements of case are with us on time. If you plan to attend and give evidence, you will need to submit a statement of case, along with copies of any documents you wish to submit in evidence and a list of those documents. Late documents will be returned. As I have given details of the timetable, I will not send you reminders.

Please ensure our case reference number is quoted in all correspondence.

Notified parties only (not prescribed organisations) – unless you inform us that you have an interest in this Order, we will not contact you again. In due course the Inspector's decision will be available to view/download at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rights-of-way-online-order-details>

We are encouraging local authorities to retain pdf copies of their submission bundle to the Planning Inspectorate. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact «Order_Making_Authority» to find out if one is available.

Definitions:

Statement of case – *a written statement containing full particulars of the case which a person proposes to put forward at a hearing or inquiry; it includes copies of any supporting documents which that person intends to refer to or put in evidence, and a list of those documents.*

We expect statements of case to be paginated, labelled, indexed and submitted in a clear order. Appendix E of our guidance booklet refers. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-of-way-guidance-booklet>

Proof of evidence – *a document containing the written evidence which a person at a public inquiry will speak about. It should not rehearse all of the available evidence but should focus on the matters in dispute. It should not contain supporting documents.*

Yours sincerely,

Jean McEntee

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NOTICE OF ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119

Hertfordshire County Council
(Much Hadham 22) Diversion Order 2016

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the Order.

The **start date** for the above Order is **12 December 2018**

Consideration of the Order will take the form of a public local inquiry.

The Inquiry will be held at **Much Hadham Village Hall, High Street, Much Hadham SG10 6BP** on Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 10.00am.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to divert the public footpath, running from the rear of the Almshouses, Tower Hill, Much Hadham, through St Andrew's School, to a new line south of the school, eastwards to meet Oudle Lane, as shown on the Order Plan.

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Jean McEntee at The Planning Inspectorate, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Telephone: 0303 444 5437. Email: jean.mcentee@pins.gsi.gov.uk Please quote reference number ROW/3206060 on all correspondence.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8DN between 10:00-12:30 and 13:00-16:30 Monday to Friday. Telephone: 01992 555279.

Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence

Within 8 weeks of the start date by [by 6 February 2019]

The Order Making Authority must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices) to everyone who has made an objection or representation and the applicant and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order.

Within 14 weeks of the start date [by 20 March 2019]

Everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case¹ is received by

¹ If you wish to make a legal submission, this should be submitted at the same time as your statement of case. Otherwise legal submissions will have to be submitted in writing on the day of the inquiry.

the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send full copies to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to the applicant, every person who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

Within the same period the applicant (if applicable) must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a full copy to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to everyone who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

4 weeks before the date of the inquiry [by 17 April 2019]

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant (if applicable) and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their proof of evidence (together with any summary) is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

- i) the Authority's proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents - although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence);
- ii) the applicant's proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents - although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence); and
- iii) all other proofs of evidence to the Authority, the applicant, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (excluding copies of any supporting documents - although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence).

All parties must keep to the timetable set out above and ensure that statements of case and proofs of evidence are received by the Secretary of State on time. Late documents will be returned.

We cannot accept any libellous, racist or abusive comments. Any documents containing such comments will be returned.

Notice of order for inquiry