



HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL FOOTPATHS LWA71 (PART) and LDN3A (PART); LWA 71(PART) AND LWA 72 AT BURY HILL FARM, WICK

PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND CREATION ORDERS 2019

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDERS

Under the Highways Act 1980, county and district councils have the power to make orders to create, extinguish (close) or divert public rights of way. A notice that such an order has been made has to be advertised on the site of the path in question and in the local press. This provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made to the proposed change.

The application to extinguish two lengths of existing footpaths and create two new footpaths, has been made to benefit the agricultural management of the field and to improve the network of public paths in the area. A creation order must add to the convenience or enjoyment of a substantial section of the public or convenience of local people in the area and an extinguishment order may be made where a path is not necessary for public use.

LWA 72 by the brook will provide better access to Golden Valley nature reserve avoiding a steep hill, the new route in the field of LWA 71 will allow users to walk along the edge of the field avoiding livestock. The sections of paths to be extinguished are not needed due to the other paths in the vicinity and the new paths to be created.

The Council is satisfied the orders satisfy the legal tests and that the public will benefit from the creation of the new routes. The orders are being made and would be confirmed together to ensure maximum public benefit.

The routes to be extinguished are shown as solid black lines on the order plan(s) and the created routes as dashed lines.

The orders will come into effect only once they have been confirmed. Making and advertising the orders simply provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made.