



## HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

### **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL (FOOTPATH LSO 47 (PART) AT FURZEWOOD ROAD, KINGSWOOD) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2020**

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER

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 order to divert part of footpath LSO 47 has been made to remove the recorded alignment from running through property owned in part by Bromford Housing Group Limited ("Bromford") and others to a route that is available for the public to use. This situation has occurred as a result of historic oversights where housing development has taken place without the correct legal orders having been processed, at the time of the development, to divert or extinguish the rights of way running over the land. Bromford has inherited this problem and now wish to rectify the situation in order to improve their housing stock.

The Council is satisfied the diversion route will not be substantially less convenient to the public in consequence of the diversion and there should be no adverse effect on land served by the proposed path. The alternative route will provide a path in front of the properties on Chapel Lane to the Frome Valley Walkway using the footway and the Cotswold Way.

The effect of the order is to remove the recorded line of LSO 47 from its junction with LSO 40 to the rear of Chapel Lane where it is shown running through properties that were built by the Local Authority to a path running parallel with Chapel Lane providing a connection via the footway to the Frome Valley Walkway and the Cotswold Way. The existing route is shown as a solid black line on the order plan and the diverted route as a dashed line.

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