



WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL CLAIMED FOOTPATH - FROM PHA 28 TO PHA 22 AT HANHAM HILLS, HANHAM ABBOTS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Background

Public rights of way are recorded on definitive maps and statements. South Gloucestershire Council is responsible for the definitive map and statement and has a duty to modify them when evidence suggests that they are inaccurate or incomplete. An application under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 can be made where there is evidence that the Definitive Map and Statement should be modified.

Location

An application has been made to add a footpath between footpath PHA/28/10 and PHA/22/40 at Hanham Abbots as shown on the plan attached between points A - B. The claimed route runs from footpath PHA 28/10 to the west of 126 - 130 Court Farm Road, in a generally westerly direction to join with footpath PHA/22/40 some 185 metres north of its junction with Court Farm Road, by Ferry Road, Hanham.

Evidence submitted in support

The applicant submitted user evidence of 22 user evidence forms detailing public use from 1959 through to 2017; and documentary evidence of an aerial photograph showing a clearly marked track, in support of the application. The user evidence is summarised on the bar chart and a copy of the aerial photo is attached.

Decision Process

The Public Rights of Way and Commons Registration Sub Committee are under a duty to consider all available evidence before deciding whether or not the evidence is sufficient for them to decide to make an order to modify the Definitive Map and Statement. If an Order is made it will be advertised and representations and objections can be made within a set time. If no order is made the applicant has opportunity to appeal against this decision.