



**Dorset  
Council**

**Public Path Diversion  
and  
Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order**

**Highways Act 1980  
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

**Dorset Council (Part of Footpath 46, Okeford Fitzpaine)  
Public Path Diversion Order 2025**

This Order is made by Dorset Council ("the authority") under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") because it appears to the authority that in the interests of the owner of the land crossed by the footpath described in paragraph 1 of this Order it is expedient that the line of the path should be diverted.

This Order is also made under section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") because it appears to the authority that the County of Dorset definitive map and statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(a)(i) of the 1981 Act, namely, the diversion (as authorised by this Order) of a highway shown or required to be shown in the map and statement.

Mr Simon Wheeler has agreed to defray any compensation which becomes payable in consequence of the coming into force of this Order and any expenses which are incurred in bringing the new site of the path into a fit condition for use by the public.

Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Council has been consulted as required by section 120(2) of the 1980 Act.

**BY THIS ORDER:**

1. The public right of way over the land situate at Okeford Fitzpaine and shown by a bold continuous line on the map contained in this Order and described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order shall be stopped up after 7 days from the date of confirmation of this Order or on the date which Dorset Council certify that work has been carried out to bring the site of the new highway mentioned in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order into a fit condition for use by the public, whichever is the later and thereupon the County of Dorset definitive map shall be modified by deleting from it that public right of way.
2. Notwithstanding this Order, where immediately before the date on which the path is diverted in pursuance of this Order, there is apparatus under, in, on, over, along or across the path belonging to the statutory undertakers for the purpose of carrying out their undertaking then such undertakers shall continue to have the same rights in respect of their apparatus as they would have had if this Order had never been made.

3. There shall at the end of 7 days from the date of confirmation of this Order be a public footpath over the land situate at Okeford Fitzpaine described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order and shown by a bold broken line on the map contained in this Order and thereupon the County of Dorset definitive map shall be modified by adding that path to it.
4. The County of Dorset definitive statement shall be modified as described in Part 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

### **SCHEDULE**

(The points specified relate to the map attached to the Order and their positions are identified by national grid references)

#### **Part 1**

##### **Description of site of existing path**

###### Footpath 46, Okeford Fitzpaine:

- A-B            The whole width of the footpath from point A (ST 8043 1143) generally north west to point B (ST 8013 1180)  
(No recorded width)

#### **Part 2**

##### **Description of site of new path**

###### Footpath 46, Okeford Fitzpaine (to be renumbered Footpath 70):

- C-D-E-B       From its junction with Footpath 44 at point C (ST 8056 1174) north west then generally west north west along the northern side of the field boundary to a tree at point D (ST 8041 1180) then continuing along the field edge generally west, south west then west to a field gate at Point E (ST 8014 1180). Then west to the unaffected part of Footpath 46 (to be renumbered Footpath 70) at point B (ST 8013 1180). Width: 2.5m except at Point D 1.2m.

**Part 3**

**Modification of Definitive Statement  
Variation of particulars of path**

Footpath 46, Okeford Fitzpaine:

**Delete:**

From: 804111                      To: 797120

North west of Mary Gardens, Okeford Fitzpaine on estate roads to road north east of Hile Coppice.

**Add:**

From: 804111                      To: ST80431143

North west of Mary Gardens, Okeford Fitzpaine on estate roads to ST 8043 1143 at its junction with Footpath 44.

A new footpath to be numbered Footpath 70, Okeford Fitzpaine:

**Add:**

From: ST80561174                      To: 797120

From its junction with Footpath 44 at point C (ST 8056 1174) north west then generally west north west along the northern side of the field boundary to a tree at point D (ST 8041 1180) then continuing along the field edge generally west, south west then west to a field gate at Point E (ST 8014 1180). Then west to the unaffected part of Footpath 46 (to be renumbered Footpath 70) at point B (ST 8013 1180). Width: 2.5m except at Point D 1.2m.

From its junction with Footpath 44 at ST8056 1174 north west then generally west north west along the northern side of the field boundary to a tree at ST 8041 1180, then continuing along the field edge generally west south west then west to field gate at ST 8014 1180. Then west to ST8013 1180 then north to road north east of Hile Coppice. Width from ST 8056 1174 to ST 8013 1180, 2.5 metres except at ST 8041 1180, 1.2metres. No recorded width from ST 8013 1180 to 797120.

Dated this *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 2025

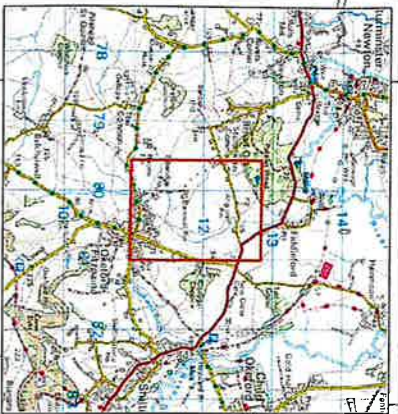
THE COMMON SEAL of  
DORSET COUNCIL  
was affixed in the presence of:-

*Grad Evans*

*582/25*



Authorised signatory



**GRID REFERENCES:**

A	ST 8043 1143
B	ST 8013 1180
C	ST 8056 1174
D	ST 8041 1180
E	ST 8014 1180

MINIMUM 1.2M GAP AT POINT D  
FIELD GATE AT E

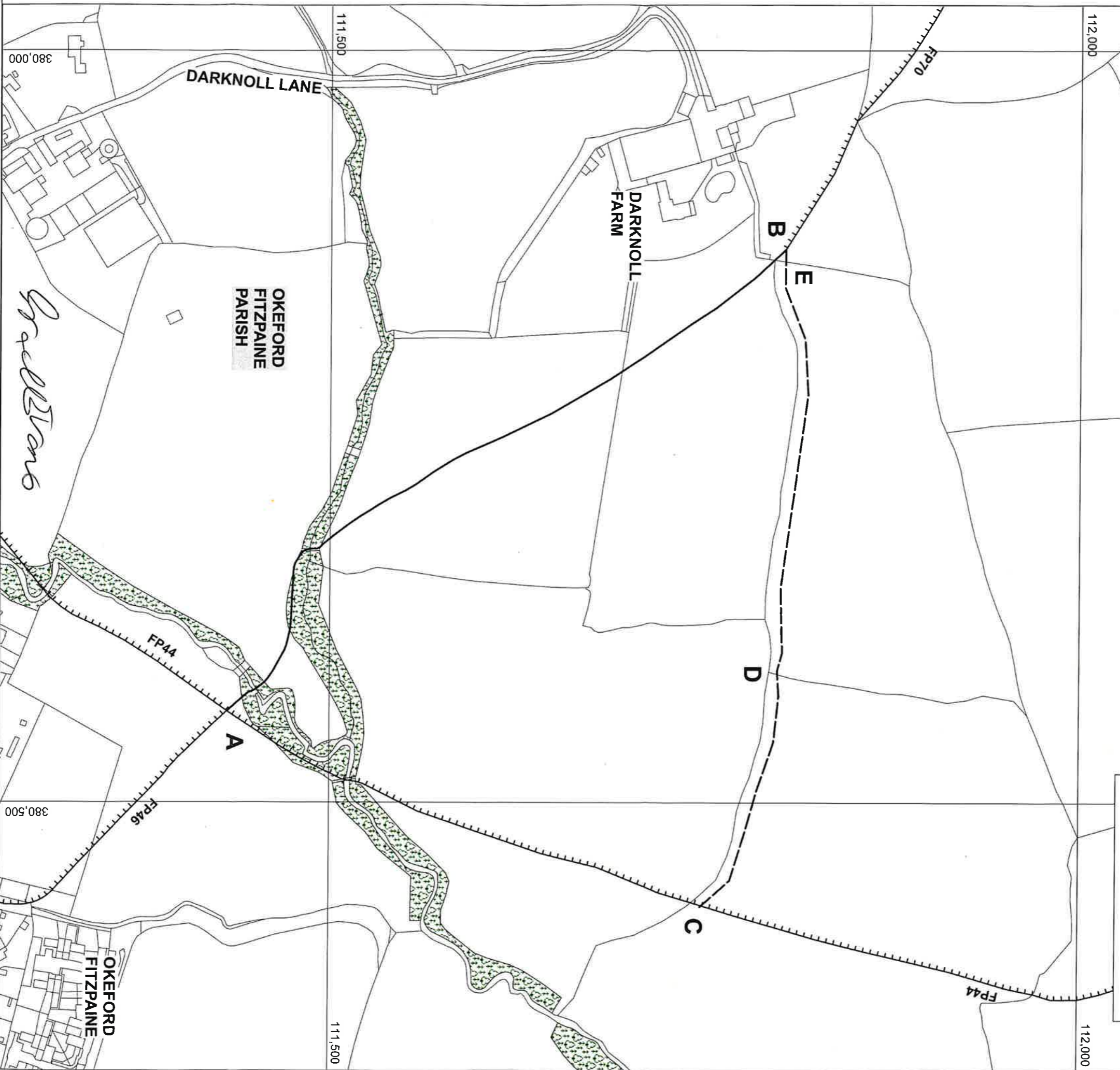
**KEY:**

UNAFFFECTED FOOTPATHS

PART OF FP46 TO BE DIVERTED  
 A  
 B

PROPOSED NEW ROUTE OF FP46+  
 C  
 D  
 E  
 B

\*TO BE RENUMBERED FP70



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**DORSET COUNCIL (PART OF FOOTPATH 46, OKEFORD FITZPAINE)  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2025**

Ref: P256/25/2  
 Date: 18/07/2025  
 Drawn by: ASB  
 Scale: 1:2500@A3  
 Cent X: 380,324  
 Cent Y: 111,751

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