



**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 80, Bridport)
Public Path Diversion Order 2026**

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.

Dorset Council 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.

Bridport Town 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 Bridport parish 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 Bridport parish 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 80, Bridport:

E – F – A The full width of the path from the unaffected part of Footpath 80 at Point E (SY 4797 9389) generally south west to Point F (SY 4795 9387) and continuing south west to meet the unaffected part of Footpath 80 at Point A (SY 4786 9378).

(No recorded width)

Part 2

Description of site of new path

Footpath 80, Bridport:

E – D – C From the unaffected part of Footpath 80 at Point E (SY 4797 9389) generally west for approximately 32 metres to Point D (SY 4794 9388) then generally south west for approximately 82 metres to Point C (SY 4788 9382) continuing generally south west for approximately 31 metres to Point B (SY 4786 9381) and then generally south for approximately 25 metres to the unaffected part of Footpath 80 at Point A (SY 4786 9378).

Width 2.0 metres between Point E (SY 4797 9389) and Point A (SY 4786 9378) except at Point C (SY 4788 9382) width 1.2 metres.

Part 3

Modification of Definitive Statement

Variation of particulars of path

Footpath 80, Bridport:

Delete:

From: 480939

To: 474929

White House Cottages, Lee Lane south westwards via Bridge at "Happy Island", generally south westwards to SY 4753 9316, then south westwards for a distance of 130 metres along Jessopp Avenue and then southwards along Kingsnorth Close for a distance of 60 metres to SY 4745 9303 and then generally southwards to East Road between Nos. 23 and 25.

Add:

From: 480939

To: 474929

White House Cottages, Lee Lane to SY 4797 9389 then generally west for approximately 32 metres to SY 4794 9388 then generally south west for approximately 82 metres to SY 4788 9382 continuing generally south west for approximately 31 metres to SY 4786 9381 and then generally south for approximately 25 metres to SY 4786 9378 then south westwards to via Bridge at "Happy Island", generally south westwards to SY 4753 9316, then south westwards for a distance of 130 metres along Jessopp Avenue and then southwards along Kingsnorth Close for a distance of 60 metres to SY 4745 9303 and then generally southwards to East Road between Nos. 23 and 25.

Width 2.0 metres between SY 4797 9389 and SY 4786 9378 except at SY 4788 9382 width 1.2 metres.

Dated this 13th day of MARCH 2026

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



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Authorised signatory



