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Dear Consultee

**Highways Act 1980, Section 119.
Proposed Public Path Diversion Order
Part of Public Footpath AX 6/12, AX 6/14 and AX 6/15 South Hill Farm Bleadon**

North Somerset Council has received an application to divert sections of Public Footpath which runs through and over land at South Hill Farm Bleadon.

The diversion which is proposed for AX 6/12 is for a number of reasons. At the intersection where Footpath AX 6/12 and AX 6/15 meet there is a small quarried area which the public seem to avoid. The applicant has based his proposed alternative routes upon where the public seem to be walking to avoid this area.

The continuation of AX 6/12 passes through a working farmyard where there are regular movements of agricultural machinery as well as livestock and it is felt that diverting the footpath away from the farmyard will assist in containing Bio/Disease Security, Heath and Safety concerns due to machinery being used in this area and will avoid contact with animals during 'over wintering'.

The diversion which is proposed for AX 6/15, as explained above, is to avoid the quarried area and reflects the route that is being used by the public.

As Footpath AX 6/12 and AX 6/14 intersect within the farm house area it is proposed that AX 6/14 is diverted away from the farmyard and farm house area for the reasons explained above.

The proposed diversions will provide safe clear routes over good draining pasture fields away from the working farm as well as providing an opportunity for users to walk along the river south of the farm.

The part of the definitive route of Footpath AX 6/12 in the Parish of Bleadon which will be diverted is shown on Map No. PPO 159 and is indicated by a bold continuous line running between point D (Grid Ref: ST 34317 56660), point E (Grid Ref: ST 34577 56623), point F (Grid Ref: ST 34626 56548), point G (Grid Ref: ST 34680 56555) and point H (Grid Ref: ST 34851 56577) a distance of approximately 583 metres.

The proposed alternative route of Footpath AX 6/12 is shown by a bold broken line running between point L (Grid Ref: ST 34292 56645), point E (Grid Ref: ST 34577 56623), point M (Grid Ref: ST 34738 56684) and point H (Grid Ref: ST 34851 56577), a distance of approximately 618 metres. The new route will be a width of 2 metres.

The part of the definitive route of Footpath AX 6/14 in the Parish of Bleadon which will be diverted is shown on Map No. PPO 159 and is indicated by a bold continuous line running between point K (Grid Ref: ST 34604 56378), point J (Grid Ref: ST 34693 56417) and point G (Grid Ref: ST 34680 56555) a distance of approximately 256 metres.

The proposed alternative route of Footpath AX 6/14 is shown by a bold broken line running between point K (Grid Ref: ST 34604 56378), point J (Grid Ref: ST 34693 56417), point N (Grid Ref: ST 34851 56429) and point H (Grid Ref: ST 34851 56577), a distance of approximately 404 metres. The new route will be a width of 2 metres.

The part of the definitive route of Footpath AX 6/15 in the Parish of Bleadon which will be diverted is shown on Map No. PPO 159 and is indicated by a bold continuous line running between point A (Grid Ref: ST 34108 56505) and point B (Grid Ref: ST 34608 56704) a distance of approximately 534 metres.

The proposed alternative route of Footpath AX 6/15 is shown by a bold broken line running between point C (Grid Ref: ST 34156 56552) and point B (Grid Ref: ST 34608 56704), a distance of approximately 498 metres. The new route will be a width of 2 metres.

It is the landowner's intention to install a Kissing gate at point E and M and to install a bridge and kissing gate at point H.

Please note that the map included in this informal consultation has been produced to a scale of 1:2500 which may have been affected when sending by email.

Should you have any comments to make about this application, these should be sent to me in writing no later than **27 May 2013**. If no reply is received by this date, it will be assumed that you have no comments to make about this proposal.

Yours faithfully

Elaine Bowman
Senior Access Officer Modifications
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Enc: Map No..PPO 159 (may not be to scale)