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Our Ref: HBW 26 Your Ref: Date: 10 August 2021

Dear

Diversion of public footpath HBW 26 at Tagmoor Hollow, Bourton on the Water

Further to your letter of support for the Public Path Diversion Order for public footpath HBW 26 at Tagmoor Hollow, Bourton on the Water, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, I am writing to inform you that we will be submitting the Order to the Secretary of State for Environment for consideration. The Secretary of State appoints the Planning Inspectorate to consider the proposals and the objection and their decision will be made in due course.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Public Path Order Officer

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Dear

Diversion of public footpath HBW 26 at Tagmoor Hollow, Bourton on the Water

I acknowledge receipt of your letter to Alan Bently dated 3rd November 2020 in support of the proposed diversion of footpath HBW 26 at Tagmoor Hollow, Bourton on the Water, and your comments have been noted.

Yours sincerely

Public Path Order Officer



3rd November 2020 Your Ref: HBW/26/TH

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Principal Public Rights of Way Officer Gloucestershire County Council Shire Hall Westgate St. Gloucester GL1 2 TG

Dear Mr. Bently,

Re: Public Path Diversion Order HBW/26 Tagmoor Hollow

We are regular walkers and walk leaders in the Cotswolds generally and are aware of the proposals regarding footpath HBW/26 at Tagmoor Hollow. When a landowner suggests they wish to divert a footpath, it provides an opportunity to review the present situation and consider a practical, sensible option for an alternative which is acceptable to the majority who may be affected by the changes. There are occasions when the position of a section of a footpath is deemed to be impractical by those who are responsible for it. From a security and safety point of view, it is surely better not to have to walk through a yard where there is the possibility of coming across resident horses, dogs or other animals and disturbing the daily functioning of a working farm. There has been at least one incident recently involving a walker with his dog which caused significant distress to those concerned. Implementation of the proposed order would avoid further incidents of this kind occurring in the future.

The area behind the bungalow where the existing footpath lies can become seriously water-logged at times and the diversion along the lane and following the new proposed hedgerow route at the side of the property seems a much better and manageable alternative. The new footpath of 2m seems a generous allowance for a footpath especially considering it is close to the bungalow itself. This part of the footpath could become a discrete entity separated from the garden by fencing to maintain privacy and security. The lane itself could easily accommodate the occasional walker likely to need access to the newly positioned HBW27.

The landowner in question is a long-standing and respected member of the local community. She has also been an active and regular walker herself who is sympathetic to the needs of walkers and others who frequent the countryside. Having followed a career over many years she is fully aware of the positive health benefits enjoyed by those who participate in this activity. In our opinion, it would be in the best interests of all those involved if this diversion, as proposed, be enacted without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

