

NOTICE OF ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

Gloucestershire County Council

Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire (Additional Length of Footpath at Witcombe Farm) (Parish of Great Witcombe) Order 2009

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced Order has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the Order.

The **start date** for the above Order is **28 April 2026**.

Consideration of the Order will take the form of a public local inquiry.

The Inquiry will be held at **Council Chamber, Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester. GL1 2TJ** on **06 October 2026** at **10.00am**.

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a length of public footpath in the parish of Great Witcombe, commencing at point A on the Plan annexed to the Order ("the Order Plan") at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference ("OSGR") SO 9064/1520 at its junction with unclassified road number 41143 known as Witcombe Farm Lane south of 2 Hillview Cottages and running in a generally southerly direction for a distance of 65 metres to point B on the Order Plan at OSGR SO 9063/1514 north of Witcombe Farm, continuing in a southerly direction for 140 metres running between the farm buildings to point C on the Order Plan at OSGR SO 9062/1500 and then continuing in a south-westerly direction for a further 70 metres to point D on the Order Plan at OSGR SO 9059/1494 at its junction with public footpath AWG 4 on the eastern side of Witcombe Reservoirs. The footpath is shown by a continuous black line with short bars at intervals on the Order Plan.

Width of Path:

Points A- B: 6 metres (including verges)

Points B- C: between 5 and 6 metres wide (including verges) Points C- D: between 4.5 and 5 metres (including verges)

Any queries relating to this Order should be referred to Ian Aston by email: rightsofway2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk quoting reference number **ROW/3354782** on all correspondence. Alternatively, queries may be sent in

writing to Planning Inspectorate, c/o QUADIENT, 69 Buckingham Avenue, Slough, SL1 4PN. Telephone: 0303 444 5670.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so free of charge during normal office hours at Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP. Copies of the Order and Order Plan may be obtained free of charge. Contact: Andrew Houldey; Tel 01452 328984, email modificationorders@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Timetable for sending in statements of case and proofs of evidence

Within 8 weeks of the start date by [23 June 2026]

The Order Making Authority must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a copy (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices) to everyone who has made an objection or representation and the applicant and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order.

Within 14 weeks of the start date by [04 August 2026]

Everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their statement of case¹ is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send full copies to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to the applicant, every person who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

Within the same period the applicant (if applicable) must ensure their statement of case is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send a full copy to the Authority. Copies will also be sent to everyone who has made an objection or representation and any other person who has written to us in respect of the Order (excluding copies of any supporting documents - these will be available to view at the Authority's offices).

4 weeks before the date of the inquiry by [08 September 2026]

The Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant (if applicable) and anyone who wishes to give evidence at the Inquiry must ensure their proof of evidence (together with any summary) is received by the Secretary of State. As soon as possible after the deadline, the Secretary of State will send copies of:

- i) the Authority's proof of evidence to everyone who has made an objection or representation, the applicant and anyone who has submitted a statement of

case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence);

ii) the applicant’s proof of evidence to the Authority, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a

statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should be submitted with a proof of evidence); and

iii) all other proofs of evidence to the Authority, the applicant, everyone who has made an objection or representation and anyone else who has submitted a statement of case (including copies of any supporting documents – although none should not be submitted with a proof of evidence).

All parties must keep to the timetable set out above and ensure that statements of case and proofs of evidence are received by the Secretary of State on time. Late documents will be returned.

NOTE: If you use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create or alter any part of your documents, information or data, you should tell us that you have done this when you provide the material to us. [See the detailed guidance for further information.](#)

We cannot accept any inflammatory, discriminatory or abusive comments. Any documents containing such comments will be returned.

Notice of order for inquiry

¹ If you wish to make a legal submission, this should be submitted at the same time as your statement of case. Otherwise legal submissions will have to be submitted in writing on the day of the inquiry

SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE
(ADDITIONAL LENGTH OF FOOTPATH AT WITCOMBE FARM)
(PARISH OF GREAT WITCOMBE) ORDER 2009

This Order is made by Gloucestershire County Council ('the Authority') under Section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ('the Act') because it appears to the Authority that the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire requires modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in Section 53(3)(c)(i) namely the discovery by the surveying Authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that a right of way which is not shown in the map and the statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates being a right of way as described in Part I of the Schedule hereto

The Authority has consulted with every Local Authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates. The Gloucestershire County Council hereby order that:

- 1) For the purposes of this Order the relevant date is *18th March* 2009
- 2) The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire shall be modified as described in Parts I and II of the Schedule hereto and shown on the plan annexed to this Order ('the Order Plan')
- 3) This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire (Additional Length of Public Footpath at Witcombe Farm) (Parish of Great Witcombe Gloucestershire) Order 2009

GIVEN under the Common Seal of Gloucestershire County Council the
18 day of *March* 2009

THE COMMON SEAL of
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed

in the presence of:- *UBM*



Director of Law and Administration

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SCHEDULE

PART 1

Description of Footpath to be added

A length of public footpath in the parish of Great Witcombe, commencing at point A on the Plan annexed to the Order ("the Order Plan") at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference ("OSGR") SO 9064/1520 at its junction with unclassified road number 41143 known as Witcombe Farm Lane south of 2 Hillview Cottages and running in a generally southerly direction for a distance of 65 metres to point B on the Order Plan at OSGR SO 9063/1514 north of Witcombe Farm, continuing in a southerly direction for 140 metres running between the farm buildings to point C on the Order Plan at OSGR SO 9062/1500 and then continuing in a south-westerly direction for a further 70 metres to point D on the Order Plan at OSGR SO 9059/1494 at its junction with public footpath AWG 4 on the eastern side of Witcombe Reservoirs. The footpath is shown by a continuous black line with short bars at intervals on the Order Plan.

Width of Path:

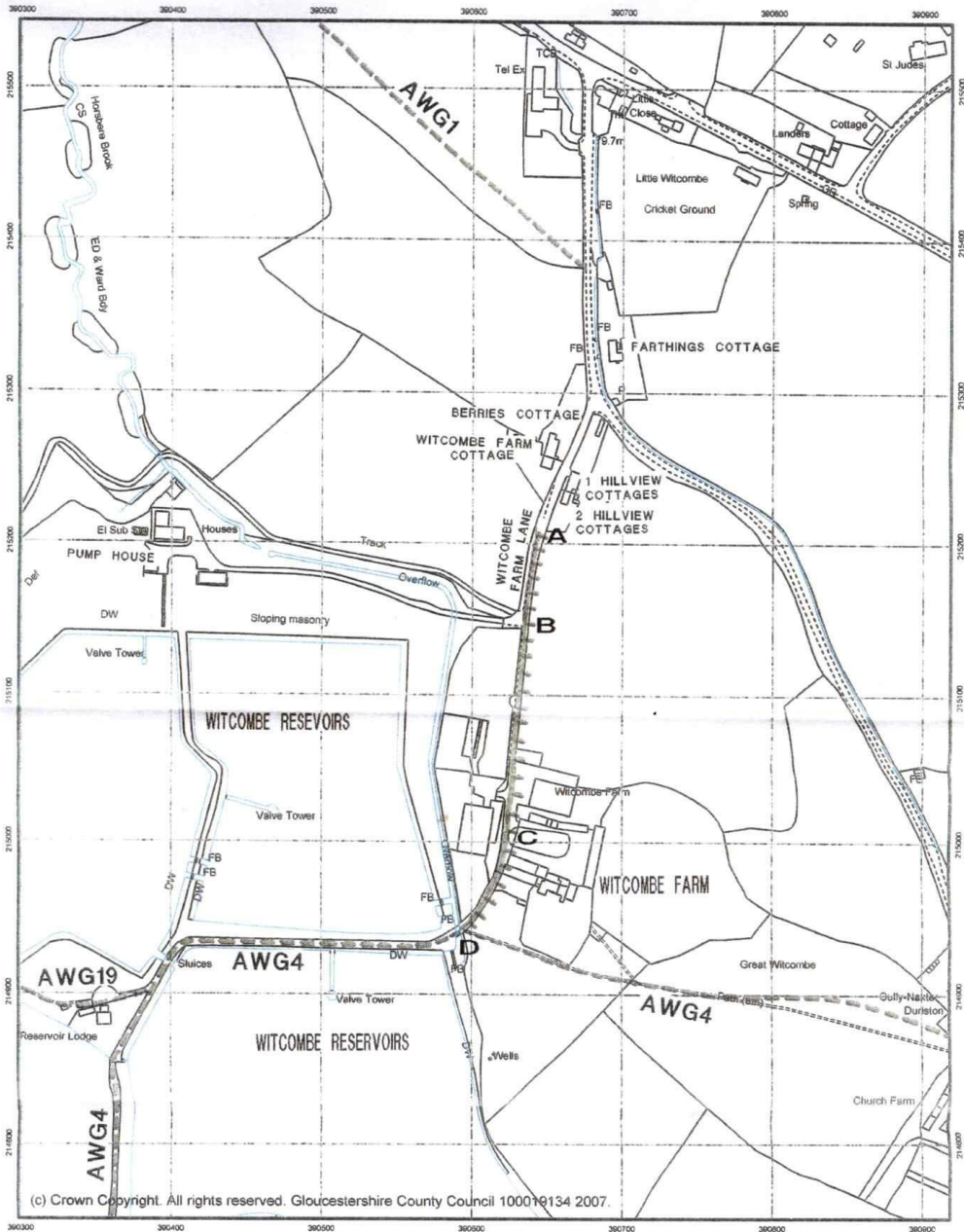
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SCHEDULE
PART II
MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE STATEMENT

MAP NO.	CLASS & RIGHT OF WAY NO.	FROM		TO		VIA OS PARCEL NOS. (EDITIO N 1921/23 UNLESS OTHER WISE STATED)	PARTICULARS AS TO POSITION, WIDTH LIMITATIONS OR CONDITIONS AS IN THE OPINION OF THE AUTHORITY IT IS EXPEDIENT TO RECORD	
		COUNTY ROAD OR RIGHT OF WAY	LOCATION	COUNTY ROAD OR RIGHT OF WAY	LOCATION			
ADD THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES								
SO 91 NW/ SO 91 SW	FP AWG (Number to be allocated on confirmation)	Witcombe Farm Lane	N of Witcombe Farm SO 9064/1520	S, SW	FP AWG 4	E side of Witcombe Reservoirs SO 9059/1494	23, 37	Order made as a result of Appeal decision dated 25/11/08. Gloucestershire County Council's Rights of Way Committee of 20 March 2007 refused application but GCC directed to make Order by Defra. Original Modification Order application dated 6 September 2005. Order known as "Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 The Definitive Map for Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire (Additional Footpath, Witcombe Farm) (Parish of Great Witcombe) Modification Order 2009" Width varies: A-B on Order map 6 metres; B-C on Order map 5-6 metres; C-D on Order map 4.5 - 5 metres File number 573/1/101(1)



<p>Gloucestershire County Council Public Rights of Way Shire Hall, Westgate Street Gloucester GL1 2TG Tel: (01452) 425578 www.gloucestershire.gov.uk</p>	<p>DRAWN BY: SCM SCALE: 1:2,500 DATE: 03/02/09</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAP SHOWING CLAIMED FOOTPATH THROUGH WITCOMBE FARM PARISH OF GREAT WITCOMBE</p> <p>KEY</p> <p>PUBLIC FOOTPATH </p> <p>CLAIMED FOOTPATH </p>
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