



# The Planning Inspectorate

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Your Ref: 571/11/212(6)(7)(8)(9)&(10)

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Our Ref: PINS 1/79/22

Date: 9 January 2025

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Dear Jaci

**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – SECTION 53  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FOOTPATHS ACROSS LAND KNOWN AS VERNEY FIELDS &  
SURROUNDING AREA, STONEHOUSE PARISH MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to refer to your email of 9 January 2025 requesting dispensation concerning the service of notice on owners and occupiers in respect of the above.

It is noted that, despite your extensive enquiries, you have not been able to ascertain the ownership of the land in question. In these circumstances and in accordance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the Secretary of State hereby directs that it is not necessary for your Council to serve notice on the owners and occupiers of the land over which the Order path(s) run as required by paragraph 3(2)(b)(i). Your Council's attention is drawn to the requirements in paragraph 3(4) regarding the manner in which the notice should be addressed and displayed.

Should the above Order be submitted to the Secretary of State for determination in the future would you please ensure that a copy of this letter is enclosed with the necessary documentation.

Yours faithfully

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Rights of Way Section





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**Definitive Map Modification Order: request for dispensation**

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From HARRIS, Jaci <Jaci.HARRIS@gloucestershire.gov.uk>

Date Thu 1/9/2025 9:47 AM

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**Re: Request for dispensation to erect site notices in accordance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 15, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.  
Our ref:- 571/11/212(6)(7)(8)(9)&(10)**

Gloucestershire County Council, as the Order Making Authority, is making a package of Definitive Map Modification Orders to modify the legal record of public rights of way in Stonehouse Parish, Stroud District, Gloucestershire County Council, under s53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

One Order proposes to add 12 sections of Public Footpath to the Definitive Map and Written Statement as shown on the attached Application Plan.

The land-coloured yellow is affected by the proposed addition of one route coloured blue, leading from point L. This land is unregistered, but my investigation indicates that it is in the ownership of Melbourne Investments Limited, (a wholly owned subsidiary of Taylor Wimpey PLC). They have been included fully at every stage of the process to date but are unable to confirm their legal interest in the land.

I have undertaken the following in attempting to identify the subsoil owner of the land:-

- 1) Land Registry Search
- 2) Contacted the local adjacent landowners.
- 3) Taylor Wimpey (Melbourne Investments) have been contacted.
- 3) Application Form 2 Impersonal notices were authorised to notify anyone with an interest in the land at the point that the application was made.

Accordingly, I am writing on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council, to formally request dispensation from the Planning Inspectorate to erect notices on site addressed to the 'owner or any occupiers' when the order is advertised, under paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 15 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

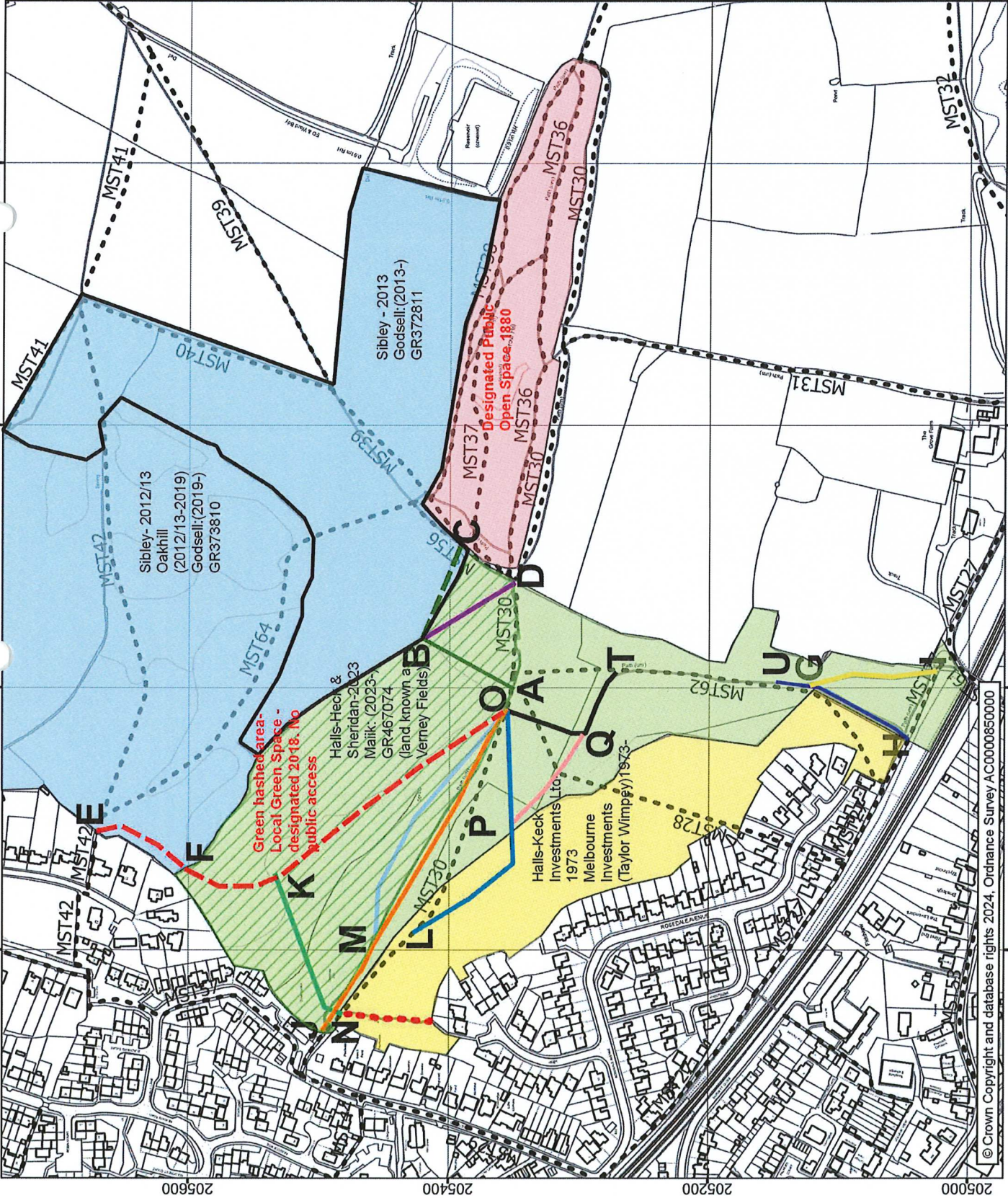
The title of the Order will be :

**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
THE DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY  
FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FOOTPATHS ACROSS LAND KNOWN AS VERNEY FIELDS  
& SURROUNDING AREA, STONEHOUSE PARISH  
MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

Jaci Harris

Asset Data Officer  
Highway Records

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**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FOOTPATHS ACROSS LAND ADJACENT TO BRAMBLE LANE & SURROUNDING AREA, STONEHOUSE PARISH**

**DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER APPLICATION 2024**

Public Footpaths claimed:

- A-B
- B-D
- O-Q-T
- N-K
- J-O
- M-O
- L-O
- P-Q
- U-H
- G-I
- E-F-K-O
- B-C

User evidence detached for app 212/4  
 Unaffected Footpaths

**Highway Records**

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