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Please ask for: Mrs J Harris
Our Ref: 573/11/212(12)

Your Ref:

Date: 14 July 2025

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire,
Deletion of part of Public Footpath MST28, Stonehouse Town,
Modification Order 2025**

Please find enclosed two copies of the above Order with five objections.

Should the Inspector be so minded, I respectfully request that the Order for the deletion of part of Public Footpath MST28 be confirmed with a modification to extend the deletion to the entire route. I further request that this matter be determined through the written representations procedure.

This request is supported by the fact that two of the objections received are in favour of the complete deletion of the route and merely object to the partial deletion. Of the remaining three objections, two are considered to be based on matters of suitability and personal preference for retaining the path, which are not relevant considerations in the context of this Order. The final objection relates to the right to deviate and the assertion that no specific order was made to delete MST28 during the preparation of the Definitive Map and Statement under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

The Council's Statement of Reasons (Case) is also attached. Gloucestershire County Council is supporting this order.

Please note that two copies of the original sealed orders have been sent separately by recorded delivery.

This submission is based upon a self-instigated application by Gloucestershire County Council.

The landowner has no objection to the Order or the Inspector accessing the land, although access can be achieved using the existing public right of way network.

The documents relating to the Order may be viewed in the Map Room, Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TG, between the hours 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

A link to the Councils Rights of Way improvement plan is provided below;
[Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan](#)

I look forward to receiving your confirmation that you have received this letter together with this Council's submission.
Yours faithfully



Jaci Harris
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